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SYNCOPE ENDS LIFE OF ALLIED LEADER.

GREATEST GENERAL SINCE NAPOLEON.

BRILLIANT CAREER.

Paris, Mar. 20.
France has been cast into deep mourning this evening by the sudden death of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, who was Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Forces in France during the Great War.

Marshal Foch passed away unexpectedly at 5.45 p.m., the result of a sudden attack of syncope.

His medical advisers in the morning had indicated less anxiety regarding his general condition, and his death, at the age of 77, came as a great shock.

Long Flight Against Illness.

He had resisted with "iron determination" the long illness which began in the middle of January. His life was almost despaired of last week, but he made a miraculous rally, and it was even hoped that he would recover, when he suddenly collapsed.—*Reuter.*

The greatest military leader the world has known since the days of Napoleon will probably be history's verdict of Marshal Ferdinand Foch, O.M., G.C.B., whose wonderful handling of the Allied Armies in 1918 gained him the victory in the greatest war in the history of the world.

The Dark Days.

In the dark days of the great German offensive in 1918, when French and British were in retreat and Americans were only just beginning to take up their share of the burden, the allied leaders were forced to realize that the war was lost unless the supreme command of all the armies in France were vested in one man. Without dissent, they chose Foch. Before the year was out, Foch proved they had chosen wisely.

"Find the weak point of your enemy and strike him there," was Foch's pet maxim. It was supplemented by another.

"If he has no weak point—make one!"

With those two maxims to guide him, Foch assumed the high command. The late Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig offered him the British army; General John J. Pershing assured him that the American army was his. For the first time all the allied forces on the western front fought as a unit. The result was victory.

A Human Being.

As often happens, however, Foch himself tended to remain something of an abstraction in the eyes of many citizens of the allied nations. He was a famous name, a decorated warrior—but few felt that he was a flesh-and-blood man, as well. At the back of the same and the greatness, however there stood a generous, friendly human being, with the capacity for inspiring great friendship among his fellow officers and great devotion among his men.

Ferdinand Foch was born in Tarbes, a little town in the Basque country along the Spanish border, in October of 1851. His father, it is interesting to note, was named after the great Bonaparte—Napoleon Foch. From his youth the son was dedicated to the army.

Franco German War.

He was a new officer when the war of 1870 broke, and he served under fire in that conflict. It was after the war, however, that he began to win the attention of French army leaders. At 26 he became an artillery captain, and later he served five years as professor of tactics at the Ecole de Guerre—the French military academy. Then, by slow stages, he rose in rank until he became a brigadier general, when he was made director of the military school. Later he returned to field.

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MAJOR SEGRAVE'S RACING-BOAT.

BEATS "MISS AMERICA" BY AN ACCIDENT.

JUST UNDER 60 M.P.H.

Miami, Mar. 20.
Piloting the British racing-boat "Miss England" in a race which is preliminary to his attempt on the world water speed record, Major H. O. D. Segrave to-day beat the "Miss America VII."

What promised to be a thrilling contest was spoiled, however, by a mishap to the American record-breaker, which was unable to finish the contest.

The amazing speed of "Miss America VII" was early demonstrated, the frail craft having obtained a lead of half a lap on "Miss England" at the end of the third lap. In turning, however, at high speed, the steering quadrant broke and "Miss America" was eliminated from the race.

Major Segrave completed the twelve mile sprint in 11 minutes 39.4 seconds, a trifle over 65 miles an hour. It would seem that Major Segrave did not put his boat all out after the breakdown of his opponent, as "Miss England" did 70 miles an hour on the Halifax River recently.

A much better performance will be required to set a new world record, which stands at 92.83 m.p.h.—*Reuter.*

Sgrave's corrected time is 12 min. 9.3/8 secs. Mr. Garwood, who was piloting "Miss America," expects to finish a new steering mechanism and to run a second heat to-day.—*Reuter.*

THE R.A.F. BOMBING TRAGEDY.

REPRIMANDS IMPOSED ON TWO OFFICERS.

PROPER PRECAUTION.

Peshawar, Mar. 20.
After a hearing extending over a fortnight, the Court Martial arising from the R.A.F. bombing tragedy on January 23rd, when three Indian officers and thirteen other ranks lost their lives, has concluded.

Brigadier-General C. M. Wagstaff was the President of the Court.

Major M. C. C. Harrison, D.S.O., M.C., of the 1st Armoured Car Company, Royal Tank Corps, who was found not guilty of culpable neglect, was ordered to be severely reprimanded in respect of the second charge against him, namely, that he neglected to take proper precautions to ensure the safety of the squadron of Poonia Horse, which was inadvertently bombed by an R.A.F. machine.

Flying Officer L. J. Booth, who was in the bombing plane, was also ordered to be reprimanded. It was stated after the preliminary Court of Inquiry that the R.A.F. pilot officer had good reason to suppose that the ground would be cleared by the time that he arrived, while the kind dress of the squadron prevented them from being seen from the altitude of the machine in the conditions prevailing. The bomb overshoot the target and fell upon the squadron in close formation.—*Reuter.*

AMANULLAH GETS SUPPORT.

REPEATING OF UNORTHODOX REFORMS.

New Delhi, Mar. 20.
An important revision of policy in favour of Amanullah is reported from South-East Afghanistan, as a consequence of discontent and prevalent disorder. There is a growing belief that Amanullah has repented of his unorthodox measures of reform.—*Reuter.*

REPARATIONS BANK.

Paris, Mar. 20.
The Reparations Experts Committee has finally approved a scheme to establish a Reparations Bank.—*Reuter.*

ANTI-COMMUNIST COUP IN INDIA.

HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN CHIEF CITIES.

ORGANISED RAIDS BY POLICE ON HUGE SCALE.

ASSEMBLY ANNOYED.

Bombay, Mar. 20.
In pursuance of the anti-Communist measures undertaken with dramatic suddenness to-day, the police of practically all the principal centres in India have been carrying out organised raids on a wholesale scale. It is evident that the coup has been in contemplation for some time, and that plans have been very carefully worked out.

Later this evening, specially selected squads of police carried out searches all over Bombay, dozens of arrests being effected.

The process of arresting the ringleaders of the Communist movement and bringing an end to the propaganda is continuing throughout the country, the element of surprise being the biggest factor in the success of the round-up so far achieved.

Nationalists Resentment.

Resentment is felt not only among the mill-hands, but it is expressed in the lobbies of the Assembly, and an effort will be made to-morrow to move an adjournment in order to raise the question of the Government's alleged repressive policy.

Altogether about a dozen mills are affected by the development, thousands of mill-hands having come out on strike in protest against the arrests.

All Over Country.

As far as is known Police raids have been carried out on a similar extensive scale in Calcutta, Poona, Lucknow and Allahabad. Over 120 search warrants have been issued in Bombay alone, and most elaborate precautions have been taken to prevent disorders, police and troops being stationed at all strategic points.

It is estimated that over 20,000 mill-hands have struck in a body as a sequel to the arrests. The mills are being strictly guarded by police and troops.

Important "Captives."

P. C. Joshi, the Secretary of the League of Young Comrades of the United Province, has been arrested in a raid at Allahabad, on a charge similar to that against the majority of those detained, namely, of "waging war against the King."

Dhondiraj Thagadi, the Socialist leader, ex-President of the Trade Unions Congress and member of the All-India Congress Committee, has been arrested at Poona. The police have raided the offices of the League of the Free Press of India and the headquarters of the League of Youth, and seized documents.

The police altogether raided thirty-five houses in Calcutta and arrested the Communist, Phillip Spratt, the Assistant editor of the *Amritabazar Patrika* and other labour leaders, and seized voluminous Communist literature.

Three labour leaders, Dange, Mirajkar and Jhabwala, have been arrested and charged with waging war against the King. Dharamvir Singh, the Swarajist Legislative Councillor and vice-president of the peasant-workers party, has been arrested at Lucknow.—*Reuter.*

Further Arrests.

New Delhi, Mar. 20.
It is understood that under the authority of the Government a complaint has been laid against thirty-one alleged Communists under Section 121 of the Penal Code, namely, "Conspiracy to deprive the King of his sovereignty in British India."

Warrants have been issued by the district magistrate at Meerut, where all the arrested men will be tried.

It is noteworthy that the Government is reintroducing this week in the Legislative Assembly, the Public Safety Bill which the Assembly rejected on September 24, providing for the removal of Bolsheviks, other than Indian and British subjects.—*Reuter.*

FRAUD CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

CHINESE POLICE RESERVIST BEFORE COURT.

BANKNOTE PLATES.

Before Major C. Willson, this morning, a Chinese named Chong Sam-chong, aged 31, described as a native of Penang, was charged with being in possession of six plates with which Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes could be forced and with conspiring, with others not in custody, to defraud. The arrest of the man, it is understood, was effected following a raid carried out by the police on the first floor of No. 19, Shelley Street early yesterday morning.

The defendant appeared in Court this morning in European clothes and was defended by Mr.

THE BRITISH MINERS' FUND.

Further Sum from St. John's Cathedral.

We have to-day received a further sum of \$8 for the British Miners' Relief Fund. This is contributed anonymously by members of St. John's Cathedral congregation who were not present when the collections for the Fund were made. The total received as a result of these collections is thus \$334.25.

Already sums totalling \$6,053.50 have been acknowledged, and the total so far received by the *Telegraph* now becomes \$6,061.50.

We have already despatched Home £565 16s. 4d. and would welcome further contributions to enable another substantial sum to be forwarded. A considerable sum is needed before another £100 can be despatched.

HORACE LO. MR. T. MURPHY, Assistant Superintendent of Police, prosecuted.

Mr. Murphy indicated that he would ask for a week's remand.

Mr. Lo—I would ask your Worship to grant bail in this case. The defendant is a very respectable man in this Colony. He is an accountant of Messrs. Ault Wilburg and Company, an American firm, I understand, and is also a member of the Hongkong Police Reserve.

His Worship:—What do you think on the question of bail, Mr. Murphy?

Mr. Murphy:—I would certainly oppose bail at this stage. It is a very serious charge and the charges were drawn up after very careful consideration. His Worship (to Mr. Lo):—I don't think I can grant bail; it is a very serious case. Defendant was accordingly remanded for a week.

THE AUSTRALIAN AIRMEN.

LAND AT MALTA FROM ROME.

London, Mar. 20.
Flight Lieut. Moir and Flying Officer Owen, the Australian airmen, who left England on Monday in an attempt to fly to Australia in twelve days, landed at Malta at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon.

They are departing considerably from the route usually followed to Singapore.—*Reuter, and British Wireless.*

CANADIAN RAILWAY DISASTER.

SEVENTEEN PASSENGERS KILLED.

Toronto, Mar. 20.
A head-on collision between two trains near Parry Sound has resulted in serious casualties. So far, seventeen passengers have died from injuries received in the smash.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AIR MAIL SERVICES.

TROUBLE OVER ROUTE TO INDIA.

INTERESTING REVIEW OF PAST YEAR BY P.M.G.

INCREASING TRAFFIC.

London, Mar. 20.
Reuter understands that while certain details still remain to be settled regarding the route of the new air mail service from Croydon to Karachi, India, which is due to be inaugurated on March 30th, negotiations are now in progress and it is believed that a solution will soon be reached.

Officials of the Air Ministry to-day confidently express the opinion that the outstanding questions will be settled in time to permit the departure of the first mail aeroplane from Croydon according to schedule.

P.M.G. Issues Report.

On the general question of air mail services, a most interesting review of the developments of last year in this direction has been issued by the Postmaster-General, who stresses the growing use of the aeroplanes for the carrying of mails abroad.

He deals solely with British air-mail traffic and says that the use of the services already established is growing with remarkable rapidity. During 1928, nearly 537,000 worth of letter mails were despatched from this country representing an increase of 36 per cent. over the traffic in 1927.

A considerable part of this increase was, as in previous years, carried by the Cairo-Basra air service.

Continental Traffic.

The traffic on most of the lines to the Continent also showed a steady and substantial increase, though France and Germany still take the bulk of it.

Correspondence sent to Germany was 56 per cent. greater than in 1927, while the traffic to Scandinavia had increased by 30 per cent. and to France by ten per cent.

Correspondence sent by air to Marseilles on Friday morning to overtake the Indian mail despatched from London on the previous evening was about four times the amount sent by this service in 1927. In addition, the Marseilles-London air service was used to enable passengers' letters posted on board homeward bound P. & O. packet steamers to be delivered in this country in advance of the ordinary mails.

Service to S. America.

Several new services were introduced during the year, and Great Britain now has air mail connections either by direct aeroplanes or by combined air and land routes with practically all European countries.

Perhaps the most noteworthy of the new services is that to Brazil and the Argentine, which is an extension of the service that has existed for some time past from Toulouse to Dakar in West Africa.

This service is being maintained with regularity and it offers a very substantial gain over the ordinary routes to South America. In parcel services there was a substantial increase all round in 1928. The total weight sent by air exceeded the 100,000 lbs. mark for the first time since parcels were accepted, and which has nearly doubled itself in two years.

Deadlock?

Regarding the difficulties encountered in the establishment of the air route to Karachi, it is stated by the *Daily Telegraph* that international difficulties have arisen between Italy and Greece as regards ports of call for the air route to India, which will almost inevitably entail a postponement of the opening until the end of April.

Greece desires Athens to be the port of call instead of Naxos, which was originally scheduled. Britain is agreeable, but Italy has refused to adopt Athens as the port for her Genoa-Alexandria service.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

BYRD EXPEDITION MISHAP.

THREE AIRMEN MISSING FOR NEARLY A WEEK.

SEARCH SUCCESSFUL.

New York, Mar. 20.
Considerable anxiety has been felt for some days following the receipt of a wireless message from Commander Byrd, to the effect that three members of his party were missing after setting out on an aerial expedition in the Anarectic wastes.

The fliers had been missing for nearly a week, and several searches by Commander Byrd and other members of his Expedition had proved fruitless until yesterday, when all fears were allayed by another message reporting that the airmen are safe.

They set out by air about a week ago for the purpose of establishing an advanced base in the Rockefeller Mountains, and it was evident that some mishap had befallen them.

Commander Byrd now states that he has been flying in search for several days, and has at last ascertained their position. Apparently, they landed safely on reaching their objective, but the machine was subsequently destroyed by heavy winds.

All three are reported to be safe, though there is no indication that they have been brought back to the main camp.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHANGHAI COURT SENSATION.

SHARP PASSAGES BETWEEN JUDGES AND DEPUTIES.

ACQUITTAL DISPUTE.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.

Mr. Teu Zu-ching, the Chinese lawyer who has figured prominently in the recent remarkable scenes in the Provisional Court, resulting in his suspension, was charged in the Provisional Court this morning with employing threats, and was acquitted.

The session was lengthy and there were many tense moments, sharp passages being exchanged between the Judges and the foreign Deputies.

A large throng of lawyers followed vital issues brought up bearing on the Rendition Agreement, and there were hot words in the course of the hearing.

The police intend to appeal from the decision.

International complications are feared, as the position is regarded as tantamount to a complete breakdown of law and justice.

It will be recalled that last week, Mr. Van den Berg, the Senior Consul's Deputy, after a verbal duel with Mr. Teu, suspended him a second time, pending proceedings for his disbarment. In making this order, Mr. Van den Berg said:—"I feel it incumbent upon me in the interests of justice and decorum to ensure by such means as lie within my power that adequate steps shall be taken to prevent this unprincipled lawyer from again attempting to obstruct and pervert the administration of justice."—*Our Own Correspondent.*

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL DEBENTURES.

SMART RISE IN PRICE REPORTED.

Shanghai, Mar. 21.
Municipal debentures have jumped from Tls. 86 to Tls. 92 in the past two or three days. Sellers are now asking Tls. 95. The rise is due to the offers for the Municipality's Electric Department.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

TO REPRESENT BRITAIN.

London, Mar. 20.
Lord Cuthbert will represent Britain at the forthcoming meeting of the League of Nations Disarmament Commission.—*Reuter.*

THE WUHAN CRISIS LATEST.

CHIANG'S ORDER TO HIS KIANGSI ARMY.

INSTRUCTED ON NO ACCOUNT TO FIRE FIRST.

FENG'S BIG INTEREST.

Political observers confess themselves puzzled by the latest and somewhat startling developments in the Wuhan crisis, state Chinese cables from Shanghai received this morning. The most remarkable event is the effort of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek to enlist the support of his old enemy, General Tang Seng-chi, to secure the defection of Pei Chung-hsi's Peking troops.

Tang Seng-chi has apparently accepted Marshal Chiang's invitation as he went from Tientsin to Tangshan yesterday, and secured the allegiance of Pei's troops, formerly under his own control, on behalf of the Central Government.

Pei Chung-hsi's subordinates in Peking have issued a telegram announcing their obedience to the orders of the Central Government.

Chiang's Warning.

Meanwhile, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has issued orders to the Central Government forces which have been massing for some days in Kiangsi that on no account must they be guilty of firing the first shot against the Wuhan armies.

Tension in still acute, and unconfirmed reports state that fighting has actually broken out near Wdghue. War fever is developing in Shanghai, and it is anticipated without much ground that the Central Government will declare war against Hankow unless orders are obeyed.

Messrs. Tsai Yuan-pai and Li Shih-tseng, who have been endeavouring to effect a compromise have "washed their hands of the whole business" and have declined to return to Nanking.

Tang's Return.

The feature of the news, however, is the return to the Nationalist ranks of General Tang Seng-chi, who was the former military commander of the Hunan and Hupeh Provinces.

He established an independent Government at Hankow in 1927, and was directly responsible for the temporary retirement from the field of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. When Tang Seng-chi collapsed, Chiang returned to the leadership of the Nationalist Party.

Pei Chung-hsi Deserted.

Peking, Mar. 20.
Reliable news as to the turning over of followers of Pei Chung-hsi at Tangshan and Kaiping completes the extraordinary elimination of Pei Chung-hsi's and the Fourth Group's influence in North China.

It is learned that Tang Seng-chi left Tientsin on March 17 for Tangshan, where two of the Fourth Group divisions which belonged to Tang before he quietly renounced his allegiance to Tang Seng-chi.

Trains are now plastered with the slogans "Welcome to Tang Seng-chi," "Support Chiang Kai-shek," and "Down with Pei Chung-hsi." In the meantime, it is learned from Chiang Kai-shek's representatives here that Wei Yi-san has quietly assumed command of the two divisions of Pei Chung-hsi's troops near Peking, and the Summer Palace. The vast majority of officers have also gone over, transforming four Kwansai divisions into Chiang Kai-shek divisions almost overnight.—*Reuter.*

Feng's Part.

The new complexion placed on the Wuhan situation by the alleged connexion between the resignations (all within a week) from the Central Government of General Li Chung-yeen, Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, and Gen. Pei Chung-hsi is a most important feature of the delicate situation, since there is obvious evidence to show that while Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang outwardly appeared to assume a neutral attitude towards the tension which has grown up between Nanking and Wuhan he has been in fact involved in the developments and in fact has been playing a leading part. His leanings are said to be decidedly more in favour of Wuhan.

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HOTEL DISASTER
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LIFE-SAVING SHEETS.

Another sitting of the King Edward Hotel fire inquiry took place yesterday afternoon, in the course of which it was revealed by Police witnesses that water pressure at the beginning of the outbreak was quite forceful.

Wu Yee, who had been in the employ of the King Edward Hotel for nineteen years and was lately employed as a bar cooler, was the first witness called. He stated that on the night of the fire he was sleeping in a small room behind the bar. He was awakened by what appeared to be a percussion. On looking up he saw flames shooting up against a skylight and lost no time in rushing out through a door on to the stone stairs by means of which he ran into the basement. Arriving there he found the basement door already open and ran out of the building. On reaching the street he joined with others in raising the alarm.

Yeung Woon, an electrician of the King Edward Hotel, who slept in the basement, next gave evidence. He told the Court that he was awakened by someone at the back of the stone steps calling "Fire." Four men ran into his quarters and aroused him. He asked them if they had the key with which to open the basement door.

Witness explained to the Coroner and the jury that the key to the basement door was usually kept by a watchman who was known as Chau Pak, who slept in a room on the second floor. Witness did not get the key from Chau Pak.

Describing his experiences, witness said that he rushed out of the door of his quarters and saw a glare in the lane. Realising that he could find no means of escape without the key, he took a large hammer and forced the lock off the door. Several persons then went out through that doorway. Witness could not say what the time was.

The First Alarm.

Answering questions put by the Coroner, witness said that Chau Pak went to bed at about 11 o'clock, at which hour the basement door was locked. The door was the servants' entrance and was always open during the day. The watchman was there during the day to see that no unauthorised person entered.

Level with the lane and above the basement, said the witness, there was another door which was opened only when having business with the servants of the hotel arrived or left. The key to that door was also kept by Chau Pak.

Asked if he saw Chau Pak run through the door in the basement, witness replied that he did not see him do so.

Answering another question witness said that he himself never returned to the hotel after 11 p.m. and could not say how the other servants, if they wanted to enter the hotel after that hour, got in.

Munshi Singh, an Indian constable, was next called. Witness stated that he was in Ice House Street at about 3.10 a.m. when the first alarm of the fire at the King Edward Hotel was on fire. He saw the fire on the first floor and immediately blew his whistle. He observed that a watchman in a building opposite the King Edward Hotel was also blowing his police whistle.

Witness said he saw no one entering the front door of the hotel. The constable went to the fire alarm at the junction of Des Voeux Road and Peddar Street and annihilating the glass gave several pulls. He then returned to the hotel.

At this stage Mr. T. H. King, acting C. S. P., announced that the alarm was given at about 3.05 a.m.

Front Door Wide Open.

In answer to the Coroner, witness said that about six persons jumped into the fire sheets, two of them falling wide.

Sergeant F. W. R. Allan, who had given evidence earlier as to the finding of the body of Mr. William Woods, was recalled. He said that he arrived at the scene of the fire at about 3.04 or 3.05 a.m., before the Fire Brigade. He ran straight into the front door, as he found it wide open. Witness said that the staircase was completely alight at that time and there appeared to be some baggage which seemed to be stores, which were then nearly all burned.

Sergeant Allan stated that he could not get further than the lift entrance owing to the smoke and fire. He looked for a fire appliance, but, not being familiar with the place, could not find one.

The Fire Brigade had arrived when witness went out. He ran round the Savoy into the lane at the back, and a Chinese told him that he had burst open the basement door. Witness went in and got on to the fire staircase. He was not able to go any higher than the second floor, being then driven back by smoke.

Witness said that he next went into Ice House Street and assisted in holding the jumping sheet. He removed a woman and a Chinese male. The former had the appearance of a Japanese and seemed to be dead, the map also appeared to have died.

The Jumping Sheets.

Mr. King at this stage said that he had seen a photograph of Mrs. Tsui Kam-shu who was killed in the fire and judging from that photograph Mr. King thought she might be quite easily mistaken for a Japanese in the dark.

Witness continuing said that there were about fourteen people holding the fire sheet, most of whom hung on to the outside (far side) but witness was amongst those who held on the inside. When people jumped into the sheet it "gave" and went to the ground.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that there were no firemen holding the sheet, but there were several police officers, five Europeans and the rest Chinese. Witness said that he never held a jumping sheet before. There was a good interval between the jumps.

Sub-inspector J. S. Dick, who had given evidence before, was recalled. He stated that he arrived at the King Edward Hotel just before the Fire Brigade. He dashed into the lounge and found the fire just under the stair running up by the partition alongside the bar. An appliance soon arrived at the front door and a hose was run from that point into the hydrant at the junction of Ice House Street and Des Voeux Road. Witness took the nozzle of the hose.

The first fire appliance, said the witness, arrived at about 3.08 a.m. and witness thought it was within two minutes that he took the nozzle into the lounge. He thought the nozzle was about one inch wide. Witness got as far as the telephone room when water came through the nozzle. He was not expecting the water so soon, and the pressure was so strong that it swung him right round.

Pressure of Water.

The Coroner observed that in view of the fact that the had appeared statements in the Press that there was a lack of pressure at the beginning of the fire, he hoped that the papers concerned would give equal publicity to the witness's statement about the pressure of the water.

The witness continuing, stated that soon afterwards Chinese firemen arrived and took over the nozzle. He then went out and assisted in the bringing out of the jumping sheets. Several Europeans, two Indian constables, some European constables and seven or eight Chinese assisted in holding the sheets. Witness said that two American sailors jumped from the fourth floor. The first got into the sheet about a third in, and the sheet sagged right down. The sailor hit the road and witness could not say whether the man was alive or otherwise. He did not know then, but he believed now that the man was Seaman Kish.

In answer to Mr. King, witness said that Seaman Kish came down in an upright position with his feet slightly tilted forward. Those who held the sheet were pulled in.

About three minutes later the next sailor jumped, after first throwing down his hat. He jumped in much the same way as his companion and landed right in the middle of the sheet. This sailor was picked up by Sergeant McLeod and taken away.

Answering the Coroner, Mr. King said that this man was still in hospital and he did not know the extent of his injuries.

Witness, in answer to Mr. King, said that the jumping sheet did not sustain any tear or damage.

Sergeant Waglan was next called. He said he reached the scene of the fire from the Central Police Station at 3.20 a.m. He saw two American sailors jump from the fourth floor.

Police Officers' Evidence.

Sergeant Waglan said he helped to hold one of the jumping sheets at the moment that two American sailors were seen to leap from the fourth story of the burning building. A Chinese standing at the sheet next to witness suddenly let go his hold and ran away, when he saw the body of the first sailor hurled down. With the result that the sheet sagged at that end and was torn from witness's grasp when the body landed on it. The sailor fell in a sitting position; his feet touched the canvas, and he dropped back to the ground and was killed.

The other sailor landed in the centre of the sheet, which dropped to the ground with him.

Replying to Mr. King, witness said the canvas held good insofar as the material was not damaged or torn by the weight brought to bear on it that night.

Later, he found the body of a European lady lying sideways over the side channel, in her night-dress. It appeared to him to have been left lying where it fell, and had not been moved. He had not seen the lady jump from the building.

Replying to the Coroner, Inspector Lane said the police had been unable to locate anyone who had seen Mrs. Robson fall or had seen her strike an overhead wire in falling.

Witness, proceeding with his statement, spoke of the finding of Mr. Enos Seth's body on the night following the fire, lying on what remained of the top floor of the building, at a distance of about ten feet from where the staircase would be. Witness could not form any opinion as to whether the body, in the position it was found, would indicate that Mr. Seth was running towards the staircase when he collapsed.

Sergeant McLeod said that he also helped to hold a sheet, and the first person who dropped into it was a Chinese "boy" who had thrown himself from the second floor verandah. A number of Chinese were holding on to the sheet also. They immediately picked him up and carried him under the verandah of the Bank of East Asia across the road.

Some Let Go.

By the Coroner: Some of the Chinese who were holding the sheet let go and the man fell on his shoulder on the ground. He was alive, and witness helped to pick him up.

Coroner: I think it must be the man To Chat.

Mr. King agreed, and said that he regretted To Chat had since died.

The Coroner said To Chat's life was unbearable, and explained that he meant to say that he had seen the medical report which revealed the deceased to have already been in a very poor physical condition previous to his mishap.

Resuming, witness said that the next to jump was the Frenchman. He fell in the same place as the "boy," but being in a diving position, his chin hit the ground. Witness could not say who it was that removed him to the Bank, but he was not then dead.

The ambulance which arrived later took away the Chinese, the Frenchman and the Englishman. Witness did not see the latter fall.

He was lying at the top of the footpath, apparently having been moved by somebody else.

In reply to the Coroner, Mr. King said with regard to the difficulty of locating witnesses who actually saw Mr. Robson fall, that at this juncture they were still taking statements, but in time they might get down to a solution of many points which now appeared to be mystifying. Conditions such as obtained at the time of the fire, Mr. King pointed out, were not helpful to a clear recollection by witnesses of what happened or identification of those whom they rescued.

Appeal for Eyewitnesses.

The Coroner suggested that perhaps the Press might assist him and the police by informing anyone who had seen Mr. and Mrs. Robson that he would be obliged if they would communicate with him or with Inspector Lane at the Central Police Station. There were so many statements on the first few days in the Press of how Mr. and Mrs. Robson fell, that somebody must have seen them. If that person, or persons, would write or telephone to him, or alternatively to Inspector Lane, he would be much obliged.

Mr. King: I think I can promise some information later. I must say that the firemen have not been thoroughly canvassed for information, as we have not yet had the time.

Resuming, witness said the body of the Englishman was found dressed in pyjamas and lying on its side.

Chas Cheung, a watchman employed at the King Edward, in reply to the Coroner, stated that he knew of the existence of the stone fire escape, which led down into the basement of the building. There was a door to the basement which gave out on the lane, with a flight of stone steps.

A Locked Door.

It was witness' duty to lock the door and then to take the key to the comrade's room, which was situated in the basement, and there it was kept in a drawer. This duty he performed at 11 o'clock every night. He slept in what was called a "bridge" room in the second floor near the stairs.

On the night of the fire the key was in its usual place in the basement. On the other side of the basement there was a flight of steps which led into the fire escape. Over it was a grill, the key of which was kept on the same string as the key of the door of the basement.

By the Coroner: He did not know if besides Wong Man, anybody else in the Hotel knew of those keys. He had certain duties specified for him to perform with respect to those keys, and outside of that he could not say whether anyone else had used those keys in the course of the day. The door of the basement and the grill were opened on occasions when it was found convenient to move bulky cases of liquor into the establishment by way of the basement and the fire escape. Those two exits were also used when garbage was being cleared out by scavenger coolies, this occurring almost daily.

Mr. King remarked that it had been his impression that the keys were rarely used.

Manager's Evidence.

Mr. J. W. Mitchell, manager of the King Edward Hotel, said he succeeded to the position on the death of his father, Mr. Job Mitchell, who had been manager for 12 or 13 years. Witness said he was a married man, and held no shares in the business.

About 12.30 that morning, he went into the bar to see it closed up for the night. Then he went into the lounge and conversed for some time with Mr. William Woods, before the latter retired to his room. Mr. Woods, said witness, was a sufferer from asthma.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said that he had occasion that



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evening to put out two sailors who were having a row.

Between a quarter to three and three o'clock he was roused from sleep by the sound of police whistles. Looking out over the verandah, he saw a Chinese policeman running down Ice House Street into Des Voeux Road and disappearing round the corner. Whistles were still being blown, and witness had not lain down again for three or four minutes when he noticed smoke. He jumped out of bed and opened the door leading out into the passage. It was full of smoke, and he rushed out to find that it was coming up the staircase. He descended to the third floor landing, and as he reached it he saw the staircase below it collapse, and people rushing up the steps to the top floor.

On returning to his floor, the first persons he warned were Mr. and Mrs. Robson. He tried the door of their room and also that of the room in which Mr. Enos Seth was. Then he went to Mr. Woods' room which he opened, to find Mr. Woods still lying on his bed.

He shook Mr. Woods hard, and said: "Come on, get out of bed and run for your life." Mr. Woods said: "All right, all right."

Witness then left to return to his room where he woke up his three children. They ran down the stairs, but he brought them back and guided them up again to the top floor. The eldest got on to the roof while he followed the other two down the stone staircase into the basement. As they left the top floor, the whole staircase collapsed behind them.

At this point, the further hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

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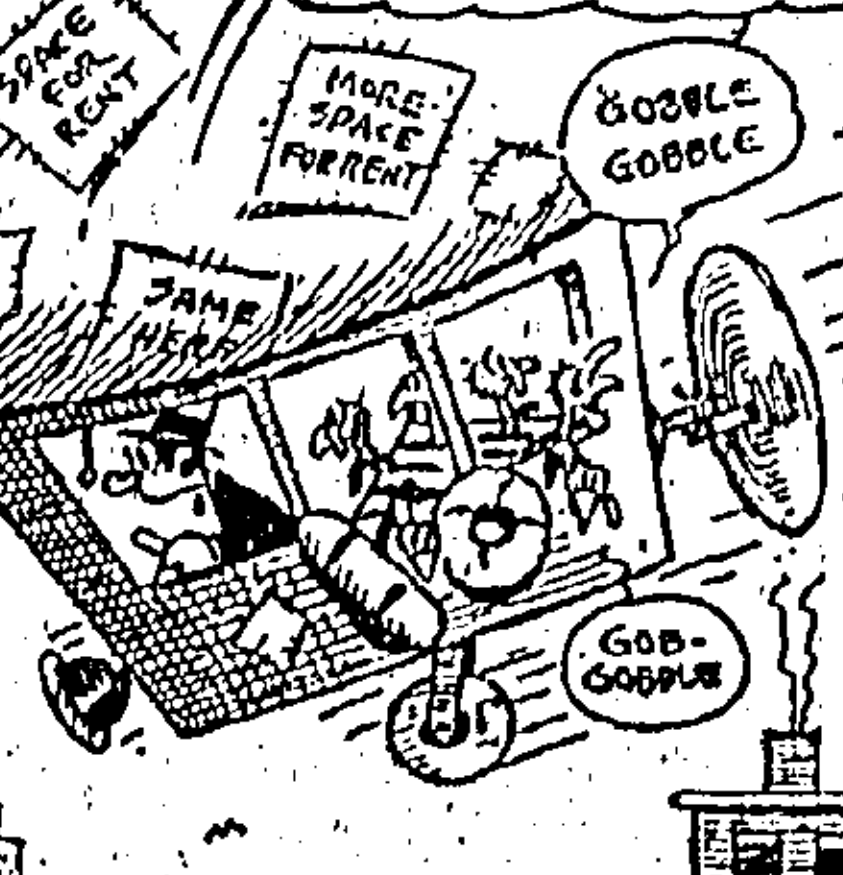
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Princess Martha of Sweden.



Crown Prince Olaf, of Norway, who is marrying Princess Martha at Oslo to-day.



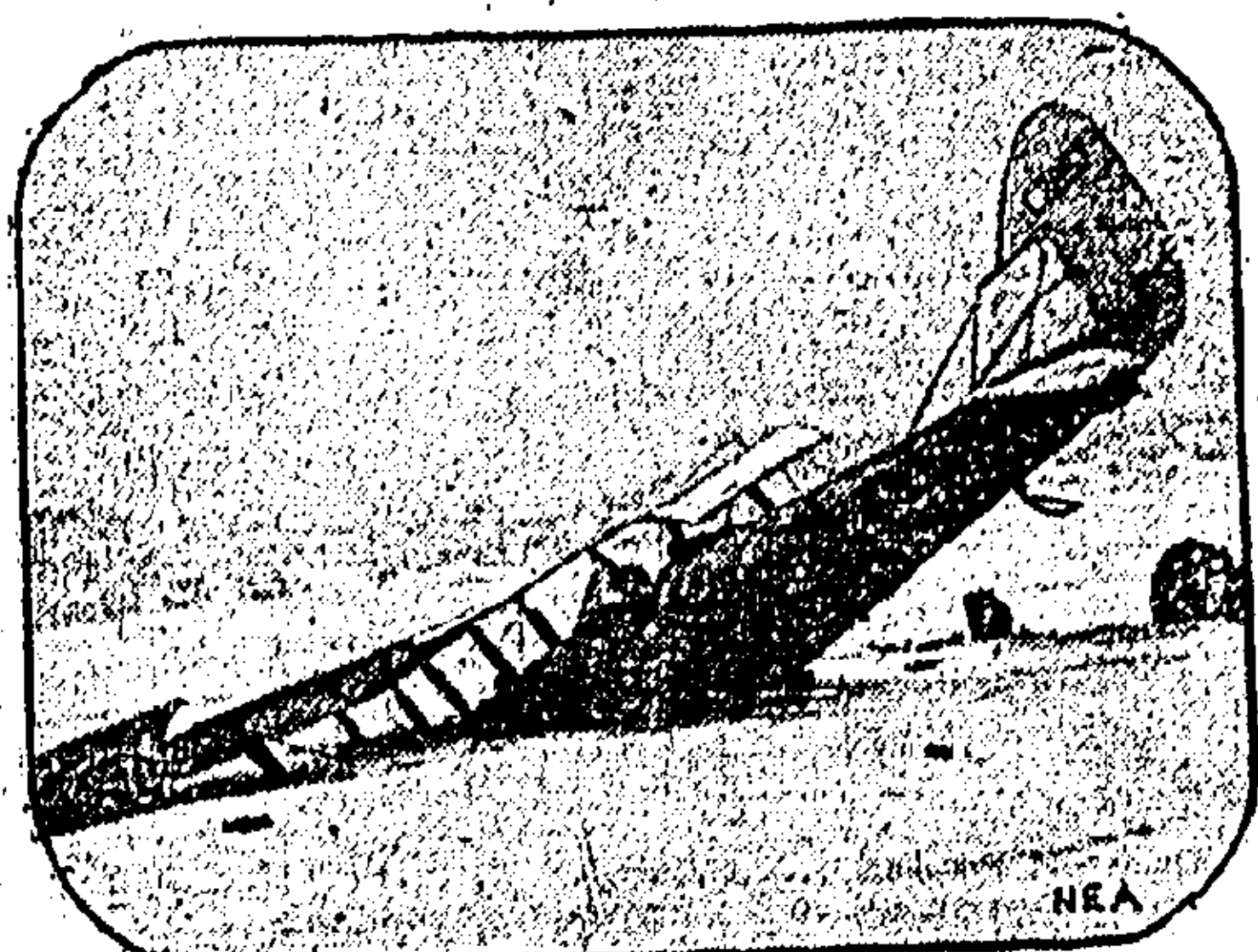
In spite of the bitter cold weather which has been inflicting Shanghai it has not prevented the fulfilment of the early season swimming fixtures. The above picture was taken at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Baths recently, when the Ladies Swimming Gala was held. There was a very large entry as the photograph shows.



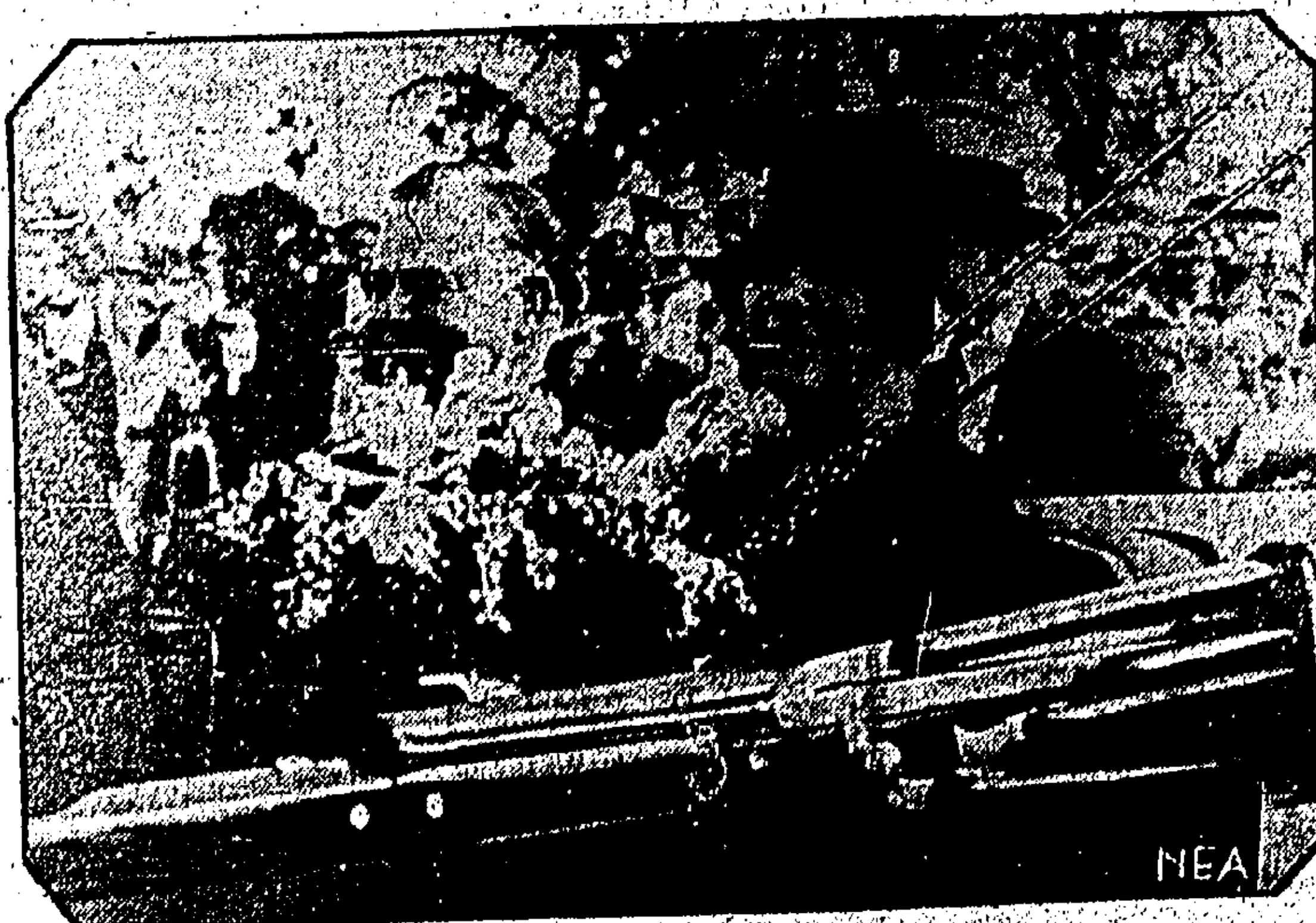
"Nina et Jacques" two popular dancers who are appearing at the Queen's to-morrow.



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R. LAPSLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of Five per cent. on the paid-up Capital of the Company has been declared in respect of the financial year ending 30th September, 1929, and that such dividend will be payable on Monday, 6th May, 1929, on and after which date Dividend Warrants may be obtained upon application at the Head Office of the Company St. George's Building, Hongkong.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 15th April, 1929, to Saturday, 4th May, 1929, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, 27th March, 1929, at NOON, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 19th to the 27th March, 1929, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the

Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 13th March, 1929.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Sixtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1929, both days inclusive.

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The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1929.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fortieth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on Friday, 22nd March, 1929, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1928, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 11th March, 1929, to 22nd March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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T. A. ROBERTSON,
Lieut. Col.,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Second Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 30th March, 1929, and on Monday, 1st April, 1929, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Friday, 22nd March, 1929.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty-fourth Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 28th March, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1928.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, the 23rd day of March to Thursday, the 28th day of March, 1929, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 25th day of March, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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Teak Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobe with Glass Doors, Teak Chest of Drawers, Teak Dressing Table, etc., etc.

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Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture. (Particulars from Catalogues). On View from Sunday, the 24th March, 1929.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instruction from N. V. A. Croucher Esq., to sell by Public Auction

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—
Teak Hatstand, Glass Cabinet, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Bookcase, Gramophones, Carpets, Rugs, Tricycle, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Desks, Electrical Ware, Porcelain and Brass Ware, etc., etc.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY, the 26th March, 1929, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 15, Knutsford Terrace, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture. (Catalogues will be issued). On View from Monday, the 25th March, 1929.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Wedding cakes for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes.

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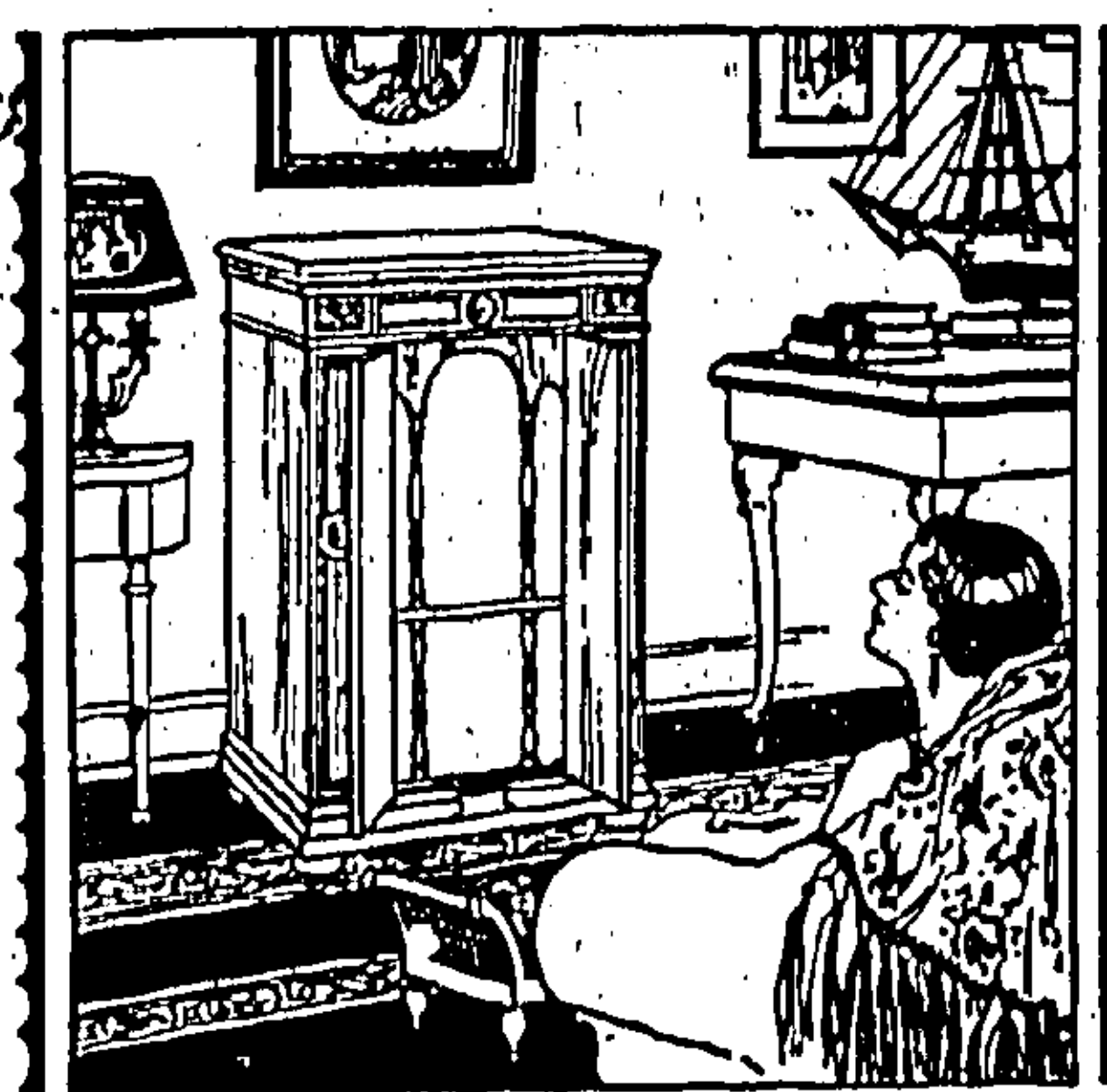
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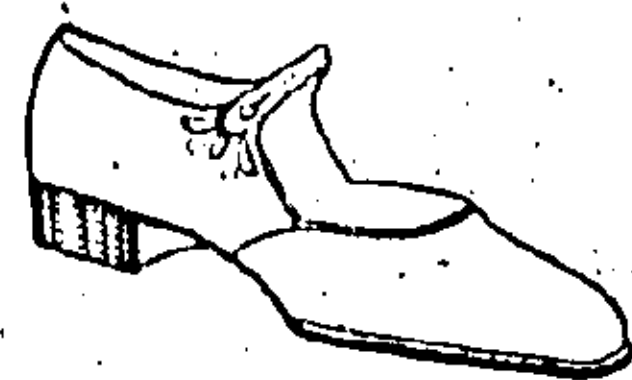
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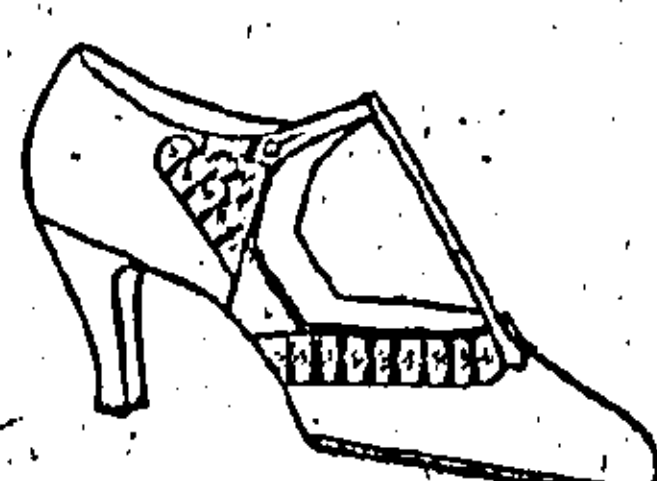
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DEATH.

ABRAHAM.—At No. 8, Torres Building, Kowloon, on 20th inst., Mrs. A. E. Abraham, Aged 80. Cortege will pass the Monument to-day at 5.30 p.m.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY MARCH 21, 1929.

A NEW CRISIS.

Whatever the full facts of the situation may be, yesterday's Chinese messages in regard to the fresh trouble which has broken out between Hankow and Nanking leave little room for doubt that a really serious crisis has been reached. Whether it will lead to military operations on an extensive scale, time alone will tell. It is evident, however, that very strained relations exist. Occurring, as it does, whilst the National Congress is in session, the breach is likely to cause serious disruption at a moment when there were hopes of a consolidation of the various groups supposed to be owing allegiance to the one Central Government. The position of Marshal Li Chai-sum at the moment is by no means an enviable one: Only a couple of days ago he was placed in a distinctly awkward position when, at the National Congress, a motion was put forward ordering the Wuhan Generals to cease military operations forthwith. His natural inclinations, as one of the leaders of the Kwangsi Clique, would be to side with Hankow, but as a contrary action would have left his loyalty to the Central Government in question, he had no option but to vote for the resolution, although Reuter reports that he did so after a perceptible interval. Stories are now circulating that he is being virtually held in Nanking. How far this is the case, it is hard to say, but in the event of real warfare we can scarcely imagine his being permitted to return South. After all, is he not the Chief of Staff of the National Army?

In reviewing recent happenings, there can be no doubting the point that for some considerable time past Nanking and Hankow have been watching each other very closely. The Hunan affair seems to have had the effect of precipitating the clash, although it is to be questioned whether it was deliberately designed with that end in view. By ousting Nanking's nominee from the

chairmanship of the Hunan Government, the Wuhan generals seriously compromised themselves, and Nanking's indignation is quite understandable in the circumstances. On the other hand, the action of the Central Government in despatching troops up the Yangtze at a time when plans were under way for an adjustment of the dispute has without doubt only added fuel to the fire, for it was hardly human nature to expect Wuhan to remain quiescent in the face of what appeared to be extensive warlike preparations. The situation has been rendered all the more acute by the reported arrival of General Pei Chung-hsi in Hankow from Peking. That circumstance is being linked in Chinese circles with the recent retirement of Feng Yu-shiang and Li Chung-ye, for a belief appears to be gaining ground in certain quarters that this trio has come to an understanding. Feng, however, has latterly come to be regarded as a sincere ally of Chiang Kai-shek, and at the moment it would perhaps be rather a straining of the facts to regard him as being in league with the other two in opposition to the Central Government.

It would be possible to go on indefinitely speculating on possible alignments in the event of really serious warfare being reopened, but, whatever the possibilities or likelihood, there will be unanimous regret on the part of all well-wishers of China that this rift should occur when the outlook seemed more settled than it has been for many years past. We cannot shut our eyes, however, to the fact that the recent so-called unification of China has been more superficial than real. Plenty of lip service has been paid to the Central Government, but the provincial autonomists have never really come into line. So it seems that the intention of Nanking to force its authority on some of the recalcitrants has brought a very vital issue to a head. We can only hope that the South will not be dragged into the quarrel.

China's Railways.

The enormous cost of the scheme of railway and road construction introduced to the Third National Congress by Mr. Sun Fo is not a sufficient reason for dismissing the proposals as impossible. The political situation, the need for securing the active co-operation of the provinces, and a cessation of military ambitions, are far more important factors than the financial considerations involved, though the bald statement issued by Reuter on the subject would seem to indicate otherwise. It is obviously intended that the expenditure contemplated shall be spread over a long period of years, and it is also clear that Mr. Sun Fo's scheme is a national one embracing the whole of the lines essential to the economic structure of the country. Only lines that are almost certain to prove profitable have been included in the first programme, and it is an admitted fact that in densely populated China, a well-prospected railway invariably returns a handsome profit. Past records of Chinese Government Railways have proved it possible, with good management, to earn a net profit of between 25 per cent. and 40 per cent. of the total yearly revenue within a very short space of time. The confidence of experts is further shown by the fact that the Advisory Committee dealing with the British Boxer Indemnity Remission recommended the use of the capital to be set aside for investment, a total of well over \$50,000,000, on the completion of the Canton-Hankow Railway and on other railway projects. Mr. Sun Fo's ambitions will probably prove slow of materialisation, but a close study convinces us that in the main they are an essential to the economic rehabilitation of China, which, a vast agricultural country, has large undeveloped areas. In other parts of the country the peasants are perpetually faced with the prospect of famine in the worst part of the year. The only solu-

DAY BY DAY.

THE CLOUD OF EVERY OTHER MAN
HAS A SILVER LINING.—Tom Masson.

"E.J.J."—Aldrie won by three goals to two.

Six further Chinese cases of small-pox were notified yesterday. Of these, four were from Kowloon districts.

H.M.S. Foxglove, one of the sloops which is being relieved by a new vessel, will sail from Hongkong at 1.30 p.m. to-morrow for Singapore and the United Kingdom.

On the return of his ship from Wuchow yesterday, Captain E. A. Sinton, of the s.s. On Chow, went into the Government Civil Hospital for treatment for a fracture which occurred to his left hand as the result of a fall from his bunk.

Passengers leaving on the Taiyo Maru yesterday included Mr. R. Ponsonby Fane, Mr. H. B. Sheldon, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Glenross, Capt. R. G. Fetherstonhaugh, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Prescott, Dr. H. W. Dunning and Dr. A. R. J. Douglas.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Alfred Tage Stormose Jensen, of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, residing at No. 466, Rue Lafayette, Shanghai, to Miss Ingeborg Bergsjen Jensen, No. 8, Alburgh Hall, May Road, Hongkong.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mr. E. Abraham, of Messrs. Tester and Abraham, in the death of his mother, at the age of 80 years. The deceased lady had long been a resident of the Colony and had made a large circle of friends, who will hear of her passing with the utmost regret.

At the debate held by the Hongkong University Debating Society, at which over 100 were present, the motion "That in the opinion of the house, co-education in a University is advantageous" was carried. Mr. A. C. Braine-Watnell, seconded by Mr. E. C. Wilkinson, proposed the motion. Mr. Lim Jui-tai, seconded by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen, opposed it.

Amongst the passengers who left by the Empress of Asia yesterday were Mrs. H. Davenport Browne, Mr. H. Birkett, Capt. and Mrs. A. W. Davison, Mrs. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gittins, Mrs. O. A. Henderson, Sir Elly Kadoorie, Mr. L. Kadoorie, Mr. P. H. Suckling, Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sim, and Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Tracy.

tion is the provision of better communications and the utilisation of China's mineral resources, which hitherto have laid practically untouched by reason of transport difficulties. The importation of foreign manufactured goods has killed, for all practical purposes, the handicraft industries which are a natural corollary to an agricultural nation. Mr. Sun Fo's schemes are bound to lead in some measure to the development of the mining industry, and industrial reconstruction along other lines necessary to China's economic well-being, and are, therefore, to be commended.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Hotel Fire.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—The jury sitting in the inquiry into the King Edward Hotel disaster will doubtless, in due course, make certain recommendations regarding fire appliances, etc., and methods of escape from burning buildings. The public will await these with the greatest interest.

The jumping sheet, however, will probably always retain its place in fire equipment, and while its use will always carry risk of injury to those who have resort to it, it would be useful to know if there is any particular position which should be assumed when making the jump, calculated to minimise injury.—Yours, etc.,

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Hongkong, Mar. 21st, 1929.

YOUNG OPIUM CARRIER.

ORDERED CANING BY MAGISTRATE.

Convicted of a charge of possession of 76 taels of raw opium at the Kowloon Railway Station, a boy of 13, who was remanded from yesterday, was this morning sentenced to receive 12 strokes of the cane, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant's sister appeared in Court, and in reply to his Lordship, said her brother resided with her but owing to shortage of space he generally slept in an untenanted house next to hers. On Tuesday morning, while she was still in bed, a man took her brother to Canton.

The boy told his Worship that he was forcibly taken away from the house by a man whom he had not seen before. He was taken to Canton, and on returning to Hongkong, he was given several bundles of vegetables to carry. The man paid him 20 cents for the work.

His Worship remarked that the sister did not seem to take much interest in her brother.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 20.
Paris	124.275
New York	4.85 1/2
Brussels	34.00
Geneva	25.23
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Madrid	16.31 3/4
Berlin	20.455
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.555
Prague	134
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	32.165
Lisbon	108 3/4
Athens	8.76
Bucharest	8.16
Rio	5.7
Montevideo	47.11 1/2
Bombay	1/6.31 3/4
Shanghai	2/6 1/4
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10.1/32
Silver (spot)	25.15/16
Silver (forward)	20

—British Wireless.

Lord Blanesburgh, a Lord of Appeal, Mr. Muirhead Bone, the artist, Sir John Gilmour, the Scottish Secretary, and Mr. G. M. Trevelyan, the historian, are to receive the honorary degree of LL.D. at St. Andrews in June.

51 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

28. SACRIFICING TRUMP COMMAND

North (dummy)—
8 4 3 2
A K 7
Q 5 4
K J 10

West—
Leads ♠ K

South (Declarer)—
A K Q J
A 4
A 3 2
Q 10 7 6

The Bidding: South bids one spade. West bids two hearts. North bids two spades and all passing.

with Ace of hearts. Declarer then plays Ace of spades and opponents follow suit. Declarer follows with King of spades and West does not follow. How should Declarer continue to play to insure game?

The Error: Declarer continues to exhaust trumps.

The Correct Method: Although Declarer can exhaust East of all of his trumps, he should only draw trumps three times and then play clubs until Ace of clubs is forced. When Declarer obtains the lead, the commanding trump is played and as a result opponents make only one heart trick, one diamond and one club. If the last trump had been drawn too soon, opponents would have run their hearts and prevented game.

The Principle: Do not play the commanding trump if you have no established suit.

The Very Idea!

The U. S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has been trying to ascertain whether Jackson Barnett, a Creek Indian, who became a millionaire by selling oil lands, was kidnapped from his Oklahoma home, carried to Kansas (Missouri), and married against his will to Anna Low, a white woman.

Mr. Barnett, who is 70 years of age, said he never wanted to wed, but twice, despite his protest, he was alleged to have gone through the marriage ceremony. The Indian said he did not know his own age. He was not quite certain about the difference between a dollar bill and ten dollars, and he was not sure whether he gave \$100,000 to his wife and another \$100,000 to a Baptist mission. He smiled when questioned, and said he never worried about money so long as he had plenty of it. He did not propose to Mrs. Barnett, but she proposed to him.

"I did not care much about marrying her the first time," he said, "and when she asked me to marry her a second time in another place I said it was not fair."

Asked who accompanied him to Washington, the Indian said, pointing to his fashionably dressed wife and step-daughter: "The folks over there, but I don't know who they are."

The Federal Court of New York held that the Indian was not competent to make the financial gifts, and ordered them to be cancelled. The Senate Committee has reserved its decision on the matter.

The drabness of the North Midlothian bye-election was occasionally brightened in the schoolrooms where some of the meetings were held.

In a classroom one night an unwiped slate, recording a pupil's lessons during the day, contained the following interesting information about the Japanese:—

"In Japan the people sit on their knees because they have no chairs. Their dresses are all made of a nice pattern, and a brode shash round their dress."

[A dramatist says that finding a good box-office title is one of the most difficult parts of his work.]

The plot was evolved in the course of a day, and the author had dreams of a wonderful play. The character drawing took nearly a week.

And he flattered himself it was something unique. He puffed at his pipe when that portion was done.

His visions including a year or two's run. Then worked up the dialogue, snappy and neat.

And in less than a month it was almost complete. A year passed away, and (oh, fortunate man) the play was accepted; rehearsals began.

Then his troubles commenced, and his hair's going grey.

For no "box-office title" has yet come his way.

Judge Cluer, who is seventy-six and still reads without glasses— I find that my left eye does not read Greek so well as it used to do.

Clerk at Willesden—This woman appears to have been deserted in three countries, so it is difficult to say what the present question is.

Willesden Woman—I says to my husband, "Cut your own bread and butter," and he says, natural like, "And what do I keep a wife for?"

Sheriff at Glasgow, to agent in a bigamy case—You think this man is deserving of sympathy, I think he is deserving of six months in prison.

Mr. Coolidge's tactfulness has been the subject of many stories. One now going the rounds suggests that the President also possesses a dry sense of humour.

An American girl invited to the White House told her father that she was certain she could make Mr. Coolidge talk. "If he says three words to you I'll give you a fur coat," said her father.

On being introduced to the President the girl explained the situation and confidently awaited the outcome. But having eyed her in silence for a minute Mr. Coolidge remarked quietly, "Poppy wins." So that was that.

Some school howlers: The alimentary canal goes from Edinburgh to Falkirk. The capital of Ceylon is Lipton. A pollygon is a dead parrot.

A prospectus is a man who finds gold. Fallacy is another name for suicide. Theseus begged Minos to try and kill the labyrinth.

Michael Angelo painted the selling of the Cistern Chapel.

EXTRADITION CASE
SEQUEL.IS HAIPHONG A FRENCH
POSSESSION.

ORDER NISI GRANTED.

In the Supreme Court this morning, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan), Mr. H. G. Sheldon applied on behalf of Chan Hong-chuen who is wanted by the French Authorities of Indo-China for an offence against the bankruptcy laws, for an order nisi with a writ of *habeas corpus* in order that Chan Hong-chuen could be brought before the Court.

This case has already passed through various stages in the Police Court where Chan Hong-chuen was represented by Mr. F. H. Loebe. At the last hearing, the Magistrate (Mr. E. W. Hamilton) found that a *prima facie* case had been made out, sufficient for the commitment of the prisoner. He found, as a necessary condition, that the man had committed an offence against the bankruptcy laws and that a manager might be made "bankrupt" in respect of the debts of a firm.

His Worship found he was entitled to consider that Haiphong, where the alleged offence was committed, was within the jurisdiction of the French Authorities. An order was made by the Magistrate for the commitment of the fugitive to goal with the provision that he should not be surrendered for 15 days, during which time he was entitled to appeal on writ of *habeas corpus*.

Mr. Sheldon, who was instructed by Mr. F. H. Loebe, of Russell and Company, this morning referred to several grounds for the application which were contained in an affidavit made by Mr. Loebe.

Counsel urged that the Magistrate had no jurisdiction to commit the accused because there was no evidence that Haiphong was situated in a colony or foreign possession of France and that, in fact, Haiphong was not so situated. Another point Mr. Sheldon stressed was that there was no provision in the Extradition Treaty between Great Britain and France for extradition proceedings between Hongkong and the province of Tonkin, in which Haiphong is situated.

The point that Haiphong is a Protectorate was also brought up and his Lordship said that he would take judicial notice of the status of a foreign state and of the territory of that state. His Lordship granted the application, making an order nisi returnable on Monday, March 25, at 10.30 a.m.

MR. CHURCHILL SEES
LABOUR IN POWER.RISKS TO COUNTRY
"ENORMOUS."

"We are meeting on the eve of a very serious and critical General Election. I deplore the light-hearted over-confidence and indifference with which this great event is treated by thoughtless people."

So said Mr. Winston Churchill, addressing the 21st birthday celebration meeting of the Anti-Socialist and Anti-Communist Union at the Queen's Hall.

"I hope and believe that all will be well," he went on, "but the risks to the country are enormous."

"On some night or day in May or June we shall go to bed a strong and tranquil nation, recovering slowly, but surely, our prosperity after the Great War."

"Next morning we may wake and find the control of Great Britain, and the conduct of all its world-wide affairs, have been handed over for four or five years to the men who two years ago were managing the General Strike, and trying to shatter the economic life of the whole island and its ancient Parliamentary institutions."

"No one will know what is the consequence of their vote, or their neglect to vote, until everything has been decided at one single stroke."

"When they were in office four years ago they had no power. They were without a majority in the House of Commons."

"Quite a different issue will soon be before you. The Socialists are not asking for office, but the power. They are asking for an independent majority over all parties. They are convinced they are going to get it."

To bring back Russia, they would then be bound to bring back the Russian Bolsheviks, who would immediately get busy in the mines and factories, as well as among the armed forces, planning another general strike."

"I leave you to imagine what the state of the country would be if, in the face of a general strike, you had a Socialist majority in the House of Commons, and if the strike committee, sitting in

SUDDEN DEATH OF
MARSHAL FOCH.

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service, and when the World War broke out he was in command of the twentieth army corps, at Nancy.

Student of Napoleon.

Throughout all of this time Foch was quite unknown to the public at large. He had won a very enviable reputation in the army, however, and two of his books—"Principles of War" and "Conduct of War"—were widely read in military circles. Napoleon had been his model, and his friends said that he had studied each of Napoleon's campaigns without ceasing; for years, in order to perfect his knowledge of strategy. Like Napoleon, he was a great believer in the importance of the artillery arm—a fact which stood in his favour in the World War, where artillery was more important than ever before.

Saved Paris.

After hostilities began Foch was not long in showing his capabilities. His army corps was in the centre of the French line during the first great German drive on Paris, and it was probably Foch as much as Joffre who saved Paris. Foch bore the brunt of the desperate German attack that followed Joffre's flank attack. He waited, tensely, for the enemy to betray that weak spot that his maxim called for. Eventually he saw it; the German line had been stretched over-thin in one spot, and he sent his famous message to Joffre:

Germans Fall Back.

"My right has been driven in, my left has been driven in—therefore with all that I have left I will attack in the centre."

Foch attacked, and the Germans fell back. Six weeks later, at the head of a mixed army of French, British and Belgian troops, Foch again defeated the Germans in the battle that was fought for Ypres and Calais. This victory won him the Order of the Bath from His Majesty the King and proved Joffre to be a pronouncer of the ablest strategists in Europe.

Later Foch took an Anglo-French army to Italy to bolster up the Italian line at a moment when the Austrians were breaking through. Then he returned to France, eventually to rise to the high command and direct the strategy that brought the war to a victorious conclusion.

Once Foch took the high command the German cause was lost. The Germans had repeatedly faced heavy offensives on the western front before, but the efforts had never been co-ordinated properly and had not, in consequence, seriously shaken the German lines. Under Foch, however, all armies struck at once. The British attacked in Flanders, the French along the Somme and the Americans in the Argonne. Before these simultaneous blows the German line crumbled.

National Funeral.

The Cabinet has decided to give Marshal Foch a National Funeral. This is a great tribute to the late military chief as this will be only the sixth time that a National Funeral has been accorded since the foundation of the Third Republic.—*Reuter*.

Glowing Tributes.

London, Mar. 20. Immediately the death of Marshal Foch was announced in the French Chamber, every Deputy excepting the Communists and a few Socialists rose silently to their feet, as though at some unheard call.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, speaking in London, paid a tribute to Marshal Foch not only as one of the greatest soldiers of all time, but as one of the world's great souls.

Many other tributes have been uttered by Englishmen. Lord Bessy declared that the loss was irreparable, whilst Lord Allenby said Marshal Foch's astute brain and nerve carried the Allies to victory.—*Reuter*.

Eccleston-square, could play both sides of the game at once, and send their orders to the strike pickets and to the Ministers at the same moment," he remarked.

Turning to the position of the Liberal party, he said it had a grievance.

"They cannot obtain representation in Parliament which has any relation to their voting strength," remarked Mr. Churchill, therefore they are taking their revenge upon society, they are pursuing the most wanton and reckless of all politics, they are mad-dogging all the constituencies. With 500 candidates, the majority of whom will forfeit their deposits, they are trying their utmost to split the anti-Socialist vote in hundreds of constituencies.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

Galli-Curci—Forthcoming Artists—The Philharmonic Society—Tristan und Isolde.

(By "ALLEGRO.")

It cannot be held that there has been inadequate advertising in the case of the Galli-Curci recital to be given at the Queen's Theatre on Monday next. For months past there have been references to it and the Hongkong Musical Society was early in the field with intimations. Galli-Curci has made her reputation by her records in many parts of the world where she has not been in person, and some of the most marvellous have been those records in which she has sung with a flute accompaniment. Her Hongkong programme contains three such songs, a fantasia, Mr. Alborghini, travelling with her especially for such accompaniments. She sustains the first half of the programme herself, singing Italian, French and German songs; in the second part she gives three English Ballads and the Shadow Song from "Dinorah" and her husband plays three piano solos which are more or less novelties and probably unknown in Hongkong.

Galli-Curci went to the United States unheralded, but her debut with the Chicago Opera Company in 1916 was a tremendous success. In January, 1918, she made her formal debut in opera in New York, where she created the wildest enthusiasm; her conquest of the United States was complete. She made her first visit to England in 1924 at the Albert Hall, at which all the seats were sold out some months before the date of the concert, so great was the popularity achieved by the artist's gramophone records. Judging by the booking, Galli-Curci will have a fairly good house in Hongkong.

It was remarked by somebody the other day that they had not heard anything lately of the Hongkong Musical Society. The Society exists to make known and support concerts given by first-class artists who visit the Colony. The last one sent out drew special attention to the fixtures of Heughan, La Argentina and Galli-Curci. There is no other artist whose concert date is yet definitely fixed, so the Society can do no more for the moment. Those who will be coming later this year and during next Winter include the English Singers, Sugovia, a wonderful guitar player, Casals, Heifetz and possibly Kreisler.

The Philharmonic Society had to veto the proposal to produce another musical play this spring and indeed had to postpone consideration of further activities next Winter, owing to the fact that "Tom Jones" not only absorbed the available funds of the Society but left it in debt to the extent of some hundreds of dollars. It was an expensive production and it needed seven fairly full houses to make it pay. Unfortunately the Monday and Tuesday bookings were extremely poor, as so often happens in Hongkong, and fair numbers who came to book later for the last two evenings were unable to gain admittance. The notice given in the press as to the fixture dates was left to within three weeks of the first performance, which is rather fatal in Hongkong, where (Continued on Page 11.)

THE WUHAN CRISIS
LATEST.

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than they are towards Nanking, for a statement recently issued by the Kailfeng City Kuomintang, unless he repudiates it, which will be well high impossible as they are his proteges, placed him in the position of being a definite opponent of Chiang Kai-shek.

Election Criticised.

The statement severely criticised the Central Kuomintang with regard to the method of election which was adopted by the Third National Congress. Marshal Feng had a representative with the Central Kuomintang when the method was adopted and so the statement on the surface would appear to be at variance with his views. However, it is accepted, in truly Chinese way, as his view which he backs for it is argued that it must have been first submitted to him before it was issued and the very fact that he allowed it to go out admits his sanction. Hence its publication is nothing more than throwing down the glove and may besides widening the breach, lead to him taking a definite part in the clash which seems inevitable while the opposition leaders maintain their present attitude.

Bald Statement.

The statement which is viewed as being so important pulled to pieces the decision of the Central Kuomintang to select the members of the Kuomintang for election of the Central Executive Committee at the Third National Congress. This method of running an election, it was pointed out, eliminated all danger of opposition for only names of those who could see eye to eye with those in power at present would have any chance of appearing on the list. Hence it was baldly stated the election would be a farce before it was held and therefore was entirely against the regulations. This statement therefore acted as a black ball against the Congress, for the election was the principal reason for the gathering being held.

Feng Massing Troops.

Peking, Mar. 20. Reliable foreign reports from Hankow state that Feng Yu-shiang is massing troops at Haichow (Honnan) and Kianhan. Trains are going North only as far as Yen-cheng.

Owing to the uncertainty of the situation in the Yangtze Valley, the Wuhan authorities are nervous, and the press gang is very active. A Kiangling message of 11 p.m. March 18, says the last detachments of the Eleventh Division of Nanking forces had entrained for Nanchang. The entire Fourth and Eleventh Divisions now in Kiangling, are marching westward to reinforce the line along the westward border of Kiangling.—*Reuter*.

Practically an Order.

Shanghai, Mar. 20. The North-China Daily News declares that political circles believe Mr. Liu Wen-tao's motion on March 18 was practically an order from the Congress to declare war against the Wuhan generals in Hunan, in the event of their not obeying his orders.

It adds that it is noteworthy Tang Seng-chi and Yeh Kai-hsin, the former Hunanese commanders, visited Nanking this week at Chiang Kai-shek's invitation.—*Reuter*.

FILIPINOS DIE OF
MENINGITIS.DISEASE BREAKS OUT ON
PRESIDENT BOATS.

HUNDREDS DETAINED.

Honolulu, Mar. 15. Due to the appearance of cerebro-spinal meningitis among the steerage passengers of the President Pierce, more than 400 passengers, including the members of the Chinese baseball team which recently visited Manila, are being temporarily detained in quarantine.

Twenty-five Filipinos who were suffering from the disease when the vessel arrived were sent to the hospital. Two died to-day. Seven steerage passengers died aboard the vessel en route to Honolulu and were buried at sea.

Honolulu, Mar. 16. Another Filipina steerage passenger on the President Pierce died here to-day. Two more are in the hospital, one of them in a critical condition.

Unparalleled in the history of Filipino emigration across the Pacific, 18 Filipino steerage passengers have died of cerebro-spinal meningitis and more than twice that number have contracted the disease in the last few days.

The disease was contracted aboard three ships—the President Pierce, on which Governor General Stimson is returning to the United States, the President Lincoln and the President Madison.

Nine of the men who went to Hawaii aboard the President Pierce have died and twenty-three others have been stricken. Seven died en route from Japan to Honolulu and were buried at sea. The others died on Friday. The twenty-three who were ill have been taken to the hospital at Honolulu.

The Board of Health has established a quarantine against all persons who came in contact with the meningitis cases. 400 steerage passengers, including the members of the Chinese baseball team which recently visited Manila, have been segregated and are being temporarily detained.

Two Filipinos died aboard the President Madison en route from the Orient, another, Santiago Soldevilla, died at Seattle on Friday, and six others who arrived aboard the President Lincoln died recently at Seattle.

The steerage passengers aboard the President Madison, of whom there were twenty-three, were placed in quarantine near Port Townsend, Washington, and twenty of them have been stricken during the last three days. Several of the President Lincoln passengers also were ill, and are now being treated at the Seattle City Hospital.

Mr. John Butler, Secretary of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters Association, declared that the disease must have been contracted in Japan, since meningitis is not prevalent in Manila.—*Associated Press*.

"PEER'S DAUGHTER
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"I have no sympathy with the idle rich. I like people that do things. I love work and I don't mind under what circumstances I work."

"I have had three offers, but I shall wait before I decide on anything. I should prefer a secretarial post in a big business."

From 1892 to 1895 her father, Mr. Herbert Gardner, was President of the Board of Agriculture, and at the dissolution in 1895 was made Baron Burghclere. He died in 1921, when the title became extinct. Lady Burghclere was the eldest daughter of the fourth Earl of Carnarvon and widow of Captain the Hon. Alfred Byng.

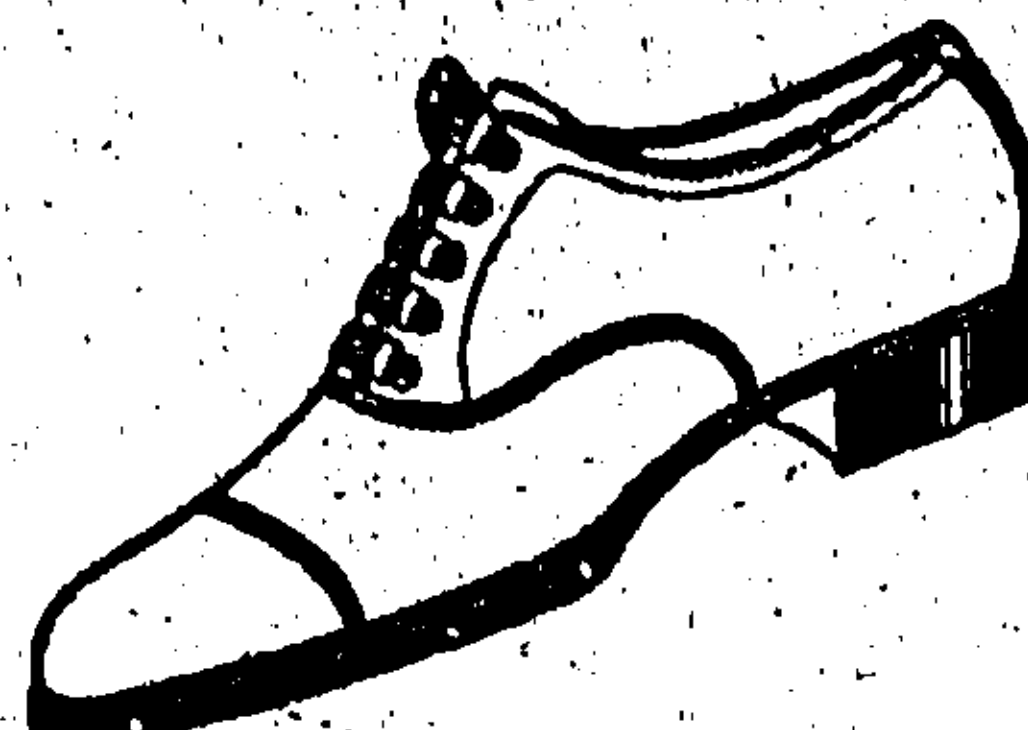
THE KING'S PROGRESS.
HAS CHAT WITH PRINCESS
MARY.

London, Mar. 20. H.M. the King passed another good day. His Majesty was out in the grounds of Craigwell House about mid-day for an hour, afterwards walking about fifty yards back to the house.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT

POLICE PASS OUT OF SHIELD.

SENSATIONAL WIN BY CLUB
DE RECREIO.

THRILLS AT THE END.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Police can offer no excuse for their failure to win their Shield re-play against the Club de Recreio. With twenty seconds left for play they led by two goals to one, having secured the lead approximately 50 seconds before, and then by frittering about with the ball some thirty yards out allowed the Recreio to break through and score a sensational equalising goal.

There was no time to re-centre the ball before the final whistle blew. Extra time was played and the Recreio secured the lead in the first ten minutes, and held out to the end. Even so, the Police actually placed the ball in the net before the close, but the goal had to be disallowed for a very silly and unnecessary foul on Xavier before the ball had been centred.

Unfortunate Injury.

The game, full of exciting incidents, was robustly contested throughout, and it was marred by an unfortunate injury to Wynne, the Police and Interport right back, who was carried off with a badly injured leg as the result of a bad foul by Gosano. It would be going much too far to suggest that Gosano deliberately fouled Wynne, but there can be little doubt that he jumped at him in the excitement of the moment. It was feared that Wynne had broken his leg just above the ankle. He was taken away immediately for a medical examination, the result of which is not yet forthcoming.

Nice Combination.

The Recreio were rather lucky to win. In the first half there was not a great deal in it territorially. The Recreio exhibited far superior combination, and moved down the field repeatedly as the result of some judicious passes from the half-backs, and from Gosano, who made full use of his wingers.

The right wing was particularly dangerous and some twenty minutes from the start, Ward opened the scoring with a beautiful cross drive which completely deceived Clark.

The Police responded promptly, but while their raids were dangerous, the lack of cohesion frequently presented Xavier and Silva-Netto with comfortable clearances.

Police Score Twice.

In the second half, the Police had the greater share of the play. Both wingers were active, and the inside men were dangerous. Both Howarth and McGreavy were pushing the ball down the middle to Fraser, and the centre-forward was prevented from bursting through frequently only by the brilliance of Xavier.

Eventually, their efforts were rewarded. Beltrao punched out a centre off McGreavy's head, but Pile put the ball back again with a nicely-judged lob and this time, McGreavy deflected the ball through.

Exciting exchanges in the struggle for the winning goal ensued, and in the last minute, the Police scored again. It was a rather lucky goal, a short pass from Fraser striking McGreavy and thereby shooting fortuitously to Howarth, who made no mistake.

A Snap Equaliser.

The match seemed over, but Hudson did not reckon with the persistence of the Recreio. He held the ball as if enticing Gosano and the Recreio player robbed him cleverly, passing swiftly to Rocha, who ran a few paces and equalised with a splendid shot.

Plenty of hard knocks were given and taken in the extra time. The Recreio won the match as the result of an error of judgment by Clark. He failed to pick up a dangerous cross from the right, and Brown running in put in a low drive. Clark made a desperate effort to save with his foot, but the ball curled into the back of the net.

The Recreio were the much more accomplished side, the whole team

giving a very steady display. The Police were strong in their tackling, and did a great deal by sheer hard work. The only weak point was at right half, Brittain failing to cover Brown and Rocha adequately.

KOWLOON TEAMS.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Kowloon Football Club on Saturday: Kowloon 1st XI v Somerset L.L. —Kowloon Ground, Kick off 6 p.m. Angus, Guest, Pile, Dowman, Easterbrook, Hast, Eastman, Hedley, Morgan, McKelvie, and Miles. Reserve: Spary. Kowloon Reserves v Club de Recreio—Recreio Ground, kick off 3 p.m. Angus, Jr., Moore, Nicholls, Seddon, Campbell, Davies, Hannan, McIntyre, Moss, Waddington and King. Reserve: White.

NEW LEAGUE DATES.

The following outstanding League games will be played on dates fixed as under:

Senior Division.

Wednesday, March 27th.
Chinese v. R.A., Club ground. Referee: Mr. Vosper.
Somerset v. Club, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Cowan.
S. China v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Hollands.
Friday, March 29th.
Police v. K.O.S.B., Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Smith.
Chinese v. S. China, Club ground. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.
Wednesday, April 3rd.
K.O.S.B. v. S. China, Sookumpoo. Referee: Mr. Willis.
S. China v. Somerset, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Vosper.
Saturday, April 6th.
Kowloon v. R.A., Kowloon.
Tuesday, April 9th.
Navy v. Recreio, Caroline Hill. Referee: Mr. Hollands.
Somerset v. Police, Chatham Road. Referee: Mr. Cowan.
Thursday, April 11th.
Recreio v. R.A., Recreio. Referee: Mr. Atkinson.
All games will start at 5 p.m. sharp.

Junior Division.

Wednesday, March 27th.
South China "B" v. Navy, Navy ground. Referee: Mr. Master.
Chinese v. Kowloon, Chinese ground. Referee: Mr. Rider.
Eastern v. R.A., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Anderson.
Somerset v. St. Joseph's, Recreio ground. Referee: Cpl. Lees.
K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Stokes.
Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.
Friday, March 29th.
St. Joseph's v. Chinese, Club ground. Referee: L/Cpl. Grieve.
Kick off at 3 p.m. sharp.
Monday, April 1st.
Chinese v. Navy, Club ground. Referee: Sgt. Bunting.
Kick off at 3 p.m. sharp.
Wednesday, April 3rd.
S. China "B" v. R.A., Caroline ground. Referee: Mr. Crossley.
Kowloon v. K.O.S.B., Kowloon ground. Referee: Mr. Swallow.
Chinese v. Eastern, Chinese ground. Referee: Mr. Critchett.
R.A. v. Somerset, Recreio ground. Referee: Mr. Mose.
Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.
Wednesday, April 10th.
R.A. v. Chinese, Sookumpoo ground. Referee: Mr. Samy.
South China "A" v. Eastern, Caroline ground. Referee: Sgt. Clark.
Kick off at 5 p.m. sharp.

Suspension.

At a meeting of the Emergency Committee of the H.K.F.A. held last week, Gunner Oliver for ungentlemanly conduct in the match between the R.A. and South China was suspended until April 30th, 1929, while in Pak-wa was severely censured.

A meeting of the Council of the Association is to be held at the South China Morning Post building on Tuesday, March 26th, when the draw for the semi-finals of the Shield Competitions will be made.

Half a million listeners-in at San Francisco heard the Duchess of Hamilton expound the prevention of cruelty to animals campaign.

LAWN TENNIS.

McEachran and Goldman WIN THEIR TIE.

By defeating Ng Sze-kwong, and Ho Ka-lau, one of the best Chinese pairs in the Colony, McEachran and Goldman yesterday proved themselves one of the strongest combinations still in the running for the Championship in the Open Doubles. They fully deserved their victory, showing more understanding of each other's play than the Chinese, who, except for the last few minutes, were not quite up to form.

Ng Sze-kwong, as usual, played well, but received little support from his partner, who is not playing nearly so well as he used to do a few years back. McEachran was perhaps the best of the four players, making very few mistakes, while Goldman gave him splendid support. The Club pair had no difficulty in winning the first set, which went to them by 6-2. The Chinese, however, won the next with the same score, and the two were secured by the Club pair with the scores at 6-4 in both sets. In the last set, McEachran and Goldman led by five games to one, but the Chinese rallied and won three games straight off, making the score 6-4. Excitement ran high when Goldman eventually securing the game, after a particularly lucky shot by Goldman, who hit the ball on to and just over the net.

There was only one match in the Open Singles, E. C. Fincher beating Horace Lo by three sets to one. Lo started well, winning the first set, but Fincher made no mistake in the other three. Fincher showed superior court-craft, Lo very often finding himself out-manoeuvred by his opponent, whose chop strokes he found difficult to return, but he won many points by his service.

The Results.
Open Singles.—E. C. Fincher beat Lo 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.
Open Doubles.—J. S. McEachran and L. Goldman beat Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Handicap Singles.—J. S. McEachran beat D. S. Green 6-2, 11-9; B. E. Green beat A. Flory 6-3, 6-4; A. Newbery beat H. J. Armstrong 6-2, 6-4.
Handicap Doubles.—G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove beat R. K. Valentine and A. D. Humphreys 6-4, 6-3.
To-day's Matches.
Open Doubles.—M. K. and M. W. Lo v G. W. Sewell and G. C. Grove.
Handicap Doubles.—H. V. Parker and L. A. R. Duncan v O. E. C. Mar and H. Owen Hughes; S. E. and D. S. Green v Very Rev. Swann and Rev. Koop; C. Stigter and G. N. De Man v J. H. Ashworth and H. A. Mills.

LOCAL BOXING.

APRIL TOURNAMENT IS CANCELLED.

The Hongkong Boxing Association's tournament, arranged for April 2nd, has been cancelled.

This is due to the fact that, owing to the non-arrival of H.M.S. Magnolia, Signallman Morris would be unable to appear, whilst one of the contestants in the ten-round bout is sick. Other naval movements have also made it impossible to fix up a satisfactory programme.

INTERNATIONAL SPORT.

GERMAN VIEW OF ITS VALUE.

The records concerning the IX. Olympian Games have been closed. Those who took part in them, whether as performers or onlookers, are convinced that the Amsterdam meeting has done much to consolidate the Olympian principle, and their conviction is generally shared throughout the world.

Personally I felt, not merely an expert interest in the various contests, but also a sense of comradeship in the surroundings of neutral sport. A notable symptom of this neutrality was the fact that, on the opening day, I found myself, as it were quite spontaneously, in a circle of six representatives of different nations. Not one of them had ever met any of the others before, and yet, as soon as the discussion on the prospects of the various nationalities in the games was over, we found ourselves exchanging views upon the fundamental idea of sport and its functions as a destroyer of international barriers.

Competition.

Those of us who have professionally to do with the training of the masses in sport were agreed that record-breaking is only of value when it is an outcome of general development. The international Olympia exerts deep and comprehensive influences upon the masses of the people. But it takes place only once in four years, and its educative effects in regard to improved performances are felt directly only by the thousands of participants and the tens of thousands of onlookers; whereas the millions of athletes in all climes and countries are affected by it in only an indirect manner. Moreover, in such exceptional trials of athletic capacity before the eyes of the whole world, emulation naturally induces each nationality to devote its chief energies to the training of its best representatives, a tendency which obviously leads to irrational methods.

Such exaggerated ideas of the value of international competition in sport can be made to give place to healthy rivalry by cultivating an international regard for real sport among all classes and in all countries.

Regular Visits.

The most effective means to this end is to be found in a regular interchange of visits between one country and another. It may be objected that, by their very nature, such visits are mainly coupled with competitions between selected teams. But the competitions themselves are an automatic product of a general training in sport; so that the performances of the select teams illustrate the peculiar methods of training in the different countries. Accordingly, from

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

PORTUGUESE TEAM LEAVES ON MONDAY.

The football team of the Club de Recreio will be sailing on Monday by s.s. Shidzuoka Maru for Shanghai to play the fourth interport match with the Portuguese Sporting Association on 30th March.

Mr. R. A. da Silva, the Manager and Secretary of the Football Section of the Club, will take the following to represent Hongkong Portuguese:—N. Beltrao, E. Brown, C. Figueiredo, A. Gosano, B. Gasano, R. Silva Netto, C. Roza Pereira, A. A. dos Remedios, C. dos Remedios, L. A. da Rocha, S. Souza, A. Ward and P. M. Xavier.

England has 88 toll-bridges and 55 toll-roads; Scotland has but one toll—Connel Bridge, on Loch Etive—for which the charge for a car is 10s.

quant international visits tend to reflect phases of national training, and are destined to lead to the desired assimilation in training as a whole. No nation has so far discovered a generally accepted method of training the masses of the population in sport. Ferment is observable everywhere. Small nations, such as Finland, have proved themselves the equals of the great nations in matters of sport. A people which refused to share in the impulses provided by international sporting visits would inevitably become liable to all the pitfalls of oneness.

"Indifference" To Success.

Regular appearance in public accustoms the performer to publicity. Those who become accustomed to international competitions on a small scale will be helped to shake off a certain embarrassment felt in public performances, and the whole process will contribute to preserving the deeper meaning of competition. During the Olympian games we observed that the favourites often lost their nerve and, to some extent, misconceived the original classic idea underlying competitive efforts. Sport and above all, athletic competitions constitute a play of forces and should not be doggedly concentrated upon defeating one's adversary. Such naive indifference as that shown at Amsterdam by Barbutti in the 400-metre race, by Lord Burghley in the 400-metre hurdle race, by Williams in the 100-metre and 200-metre races and by Helms Meyer, the 17-year-old world champion, in fencing can be acquired only by continual practice. Moreover, this indifference must become a common international characteristic, for its possession guarantees the chivalrous spirit of peaceful competition and educates the athlete in sporting fairness.—By Bernard Zimmermann.



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LAWN BOWLS MEETING.

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3. The shield shall be held by the club on winning side which has the highest position in the league.

Altkenhead Shield.

With regard to the rules governing the Altkenhead Shield, the chairman read a letter from the Club de Recreio, in which it was suggested that the Shield should be played for on Bowling day.

Considerable discussion turned on this, other days suggested being Armistice Day, New Year's Day and two weeks after the close of the season.

Eventually it was decided that the Shield should be played for approximately a fortnight after the close of the season.

Prior to the close of the meeting, Mr. Wyllie said that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, which was to ask Mr. Tacchi to accept, on behalf of the Association, a watch as a mark of appreciation of the work he had done for the Association during the past six years as hon. secretary. (Applause). His duties had called for constant attention and a tremendous amount of hard work.

A Labour of Love.

Mr. Tacchi had made that work a labour of love, and as he was going home on a well-earned holiday the committee thought they could not do less than to mark his departure with an expression of their sincere thanks. In asking Mr. Tacchi to accept the watch, Mr. Wyllie said on behalf of the Association he would wish Mr. Tacchi a very pleasant and enjoyable vacation. (Applause).

In returning thanks, Mr. Tacchi said the presentation came as an unexpected pleasure. It was not the value of the gift he appreciated but the manner in which Mr. Wyllie's speech had been received.

Later Mr. Tacchi expressed the Association's thanks to Mr. Wyllie for his efforts on behalf of the Association during his year of office. He commented on the previous Presidents they had had and the good work they had done, and described Mr. Wyllie as "a very worthy President." (Applause).

Mr. Wyllie returned thanks.

The draw for the Spey Royal Cup was then made, when three entrants received byes. These were the Hongkong Electric, Tai Koo and the Club de Recreio.

K.C.C. FUNCTION.

POPULAR MEMBER LEAVING FOR HOME.

Among the officers leaving to-day on the transport "Somersetshire," is Lieut A. H. Atkins of the Royal Army Service Corps, on the conclusion of his second term of duty in Hongkong. A keen supporter of the Kowloon Cricket Club, his many friends there will be sorry to see him go. He became a member on arriving here three years ago, and has taken an active part in sport and in everything that has been for the welfare of the Club.

He was particularly keen on lawn tennis and served for one year as Convenor of the Sub-Committee and also, captained one of the League teams. He has also taken part in League bowls, and has been known to get runs and take wickets at cricket. He was very prominent in the social activities of the Club. As special secretary of the Children's Sports he did a lot of useful work.

To show their appreciation of his valuable services, his friends in the Club presented him with a gold watch and chain, suitably engraved, as a parting gift. The presentation was made in the presence of a large number of members by the Vice-President (Mr. Ezra Abraham), who expressed regret that the Club were losing such a very popular and useful member. "Harry," he said, joined the Club three years ago and participated in all its activities, playing tennis, bowls and cricket and, when not otherwise engaged, officiating in the capacity of official scorer for the first team. He served on several Sub-Committees and as special secretary of the Children's sports, did much hard work. Cricketers particularly were indebted to him for posting and keeping up-to-date the batting and bowling averages of both teams. It was with feelings of great regret that they learned he was going away on the Somersetshire. They would miss his kindly smile and genial presence. On behalf of his friends in the K.C.C., the Vice-President asked Lt. Atkins to accept a gold watch and chain as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held and their good wishes for a pleasant voyage home and the best of luck in the future. (Applause).

Cricketers' Tribute.

Mr. W. Brace, speaking on behalf of the cricket team, expressed keen appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Lt. Atkins. He assured him that it greatly relieved those upon whom devolved the task of getting the team together, to be able to rely upon such a competent man. Saturday after-Saturday to carry out the duties of either umpire or scorer. He always did both jobs well. They were losing a very valuable member and friend, they exceedingly regretted his going and sincerely hoped he would be reported to Hongkong again before very long. (Applause).

The presentation was accompanied (Continued on Next Column.)

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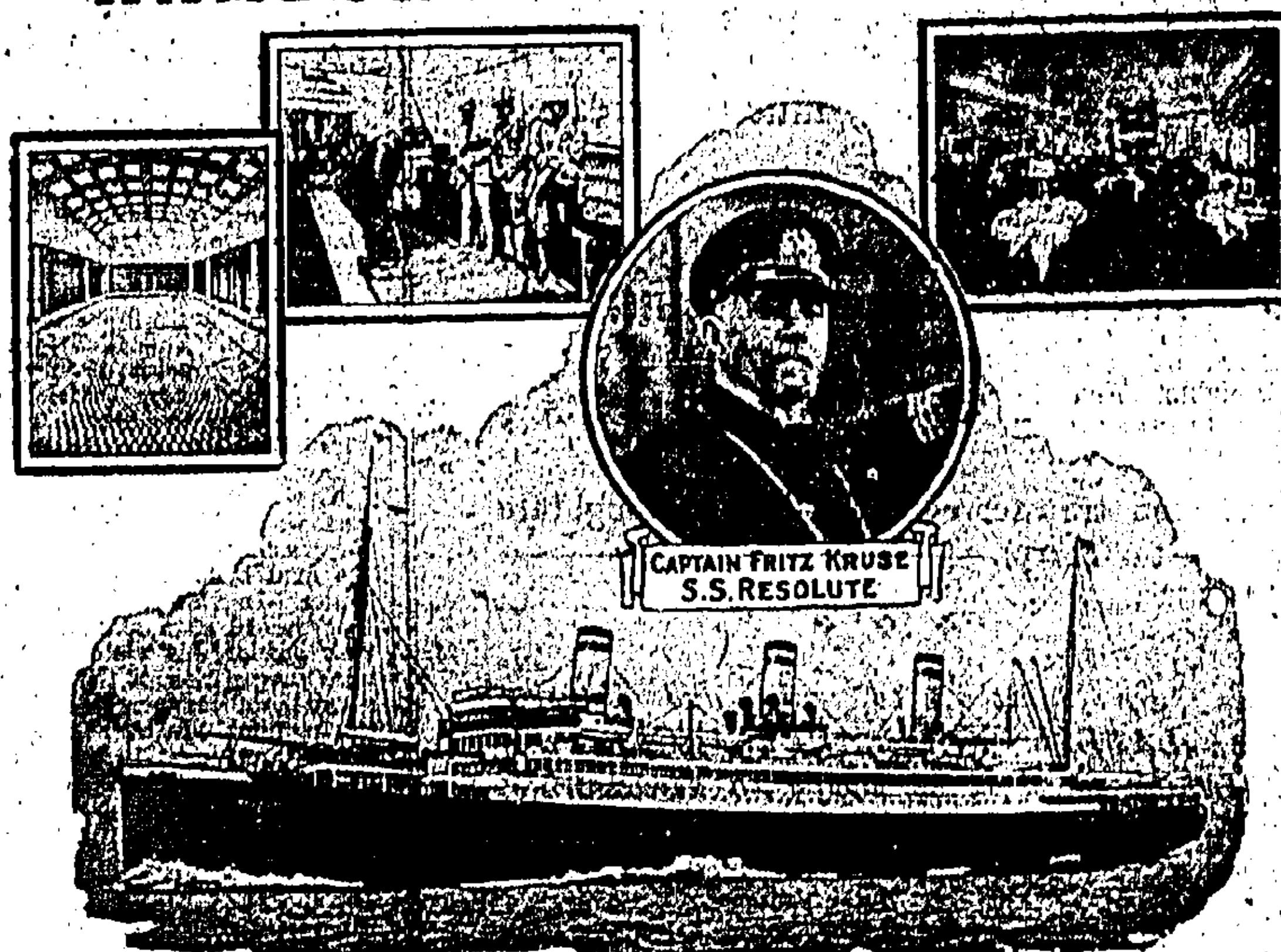
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toasts. Lieut. Atkins, in reply, expressed his thanks for the very handsome gold watch and chain. "What little he had been able to do for the Club had given him the greatest pleasure. He did not forget what the Club had done for him. It had given him ninety per cent of his recreation and social life, for which he was deeply indebted. It had also given him some very good friends when he left Hongkong. Further, it had improved his education in the little games which were played inside the Club, as well as those on the playing field. "The most successful game I have ever played," he added, "is the game of bowls. It is the only game at which I have won a trophy. I go away the proud possessor of three spoons, all won from first league players. In conclusion, I should like to thank you one and all. If I ever return to Hongkong, I hope to see the same smiling faces as are here tonight. Twice the K.C.C. increased prosperity and this best of luck to all their sporting activities." (Applause).

THE MERCHANT NAVY.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONOURABLE CO.

London, Mar. 20. The Prince of Wales, who in his capacity of Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, and of the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleets, presided at the Company's dinner last night, said it was the wish of the Company that it should be Imperial, and for this purpose, membership had been extended by one hundred, all of whom would be Master Mariners in the Overseas Dominions. —British Wireless.

Shanghai, Mar. 20. The Shanghai Municipal Council closed yesterday at 8, and opened this morning at 9, arising from the Shanghai Municipal Electric Department tenders. —Reuter.

JAPAN'S GARRISON.

COST OF THE FORCES IN SHANTUNG.

Tokyo, Mar. 20. Replying to a question as to the Shantung garrison expenses, which are included in the supplementary estimates at Yen 17,162,000 and presented to the Diet, the Government spokesman stated that maintenance in April and May is estimated at Yen 1,253,000.

The cost of withdrawal of the troops is placed at Yen 634,000, with Yen 200,000 as a secret service fund in connexion with the withdrawal. —Reuter.

Shanghai, Mar. 20. Mr. Tong Shao-yi is proceeding to Hongkong on the s.s. President Johnson. —Reuter.

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ORCHID.

BY ELEANOR EARLY.

CHAPTER XXXV.

Sadie had broken with George. When I discovered, he was bootlegging, I said, "No, sir, I said, 'I ain't going to get mixed up in any of that stuff.' And I give him the go-by, just like that. And, the big stiff, he's got a real sporty car now, with wire wheels and one of them French horns. And he's running round with that doll-faced mannequin that used to work in the Five and Ten."

Ashtoreth sympathized wanly. "But why did you give up the apartment, Sadie? I thought you were awfully happy."

"Oh, you don't know how it is, living with a bunch of girls. Every one wants first parking privileges. And when it got so they froze on to my divan for petting, and George and I had to while away our time out in the kitchen—why, you can't blame me, Ash, for getting sort of sore, can you?"

"But what did you do with your furniture?" asked Ashtoreth. "Oh, I sold some," Sadie was airily casual. "You see I'm out of a job right now. And a girl's got to dress. You can't blame me for wanting some new clothes once in a while, now can you?"

"Sadie's sleeping with me," broke in Maizie conciliatingly. "And I got a nice new set of blankets for your bed, Ashtoreth. All wool. I guess it will be pretty nice to sleep in your own bed again, won't it?"

"Come on in your mother's room," invited Sadie, "and see how pretty we got it fixed up. I brought a few of my things along."

Maizie was beating up some pop-overs. "Dinner'll be ready just as soon as the vegetables boil," she promised, bustling about. "Everything's all peeled, and the steak's ready to cook. The water's hot now. I'll stick these pop-overs in the oven, and we can sit down in about 20 minutes."

She came and stood in the bedroom door, as Sadie exhibited her treasures. The long-legged French doll, and all the little boudoir pillows. The orchid toilet set, and soft mauve rugs to cover Maizie's scratched, bare floor.

"And here," said Sadie, "is the Maiden's Prayer."

She indicated a verse, framed and hung upon the wall.

"I cut it out of a magazine," she explained. "And I took a softy poem out of that frame, all about love and friendship, and living up on the heights. And I stuck in this one, instead. Every night when your mother says her prayers, I say it over, so's I won't forget I ain't a red-hot mommer any more."

Ashtoreth read with amusement, while Sadie, at her shoulder, rendered it aloud, and with appropriate feeling:

"I used to be a flapper
With a nifty, shifty line;
A very rapid trekker—that was me!
A thrifty little lapper
Of the Gordon and the wine,
And—baby, what a necker I
could be!"

The sheiks would always ting me,
For they liked my wizzling style,
But—nobody tried to drag me
Down the aisle;

When it was a case of marry,
Every Tom, Dick and Harry
Found some shy and simple lassie
to adore;

So my ways are getting calmer,
And I ain't a Red Hot Mommer
Any more!

A Mommer overheated
Is an incandescent wow,
She "burns 'em up" completely
—In a gang.

But she finds that she is cheated
(I am getting wiser now)
When the wedding bells discreetly
Start to clang.

For the Molten Mommer's foolish;
She is dippy in the dome;
Even sheiks prefer it coolish
In the home.

When for life they have possessed us,
They don't like to wear asbestos—
A volcano in the household is a bore.

So I'm quieter and calmer,
And I ain't a Red Hot Mommer
Any more."

Sadie bent to the mirror, and applied her lipstick, shaping her mouth into an exaggerated cupid's bow.

"Ain't it the truth?" she demanded. "A red-hot mommer's dippy in the dome. I've changed my style, Ash. Did you notice I don't use so much makeup as I used to—not nearly. Just a little powder and lipstick. They make them up especial now, to match your skin, and set off your eyes right. You want to get your powder blended, Ash. It don't cost any more, and it's awful smart. I got this done for a dollar and a half. And the paste rouge mixed special, too."

Sadie didn't look very subdued, Ashtoreth thought. And she reeked of Tabac Blanc.

"Well, isn't it?" she demanded. "White tobacco—it's a funny name for perfume, ain't it?"

Ashtoreth glanced at her watch. She wondered if it was time to telephone Hollis. She wanted to

rench him, if possible, before Monty appeared. It would be difficult, though, to telephone from the hall. Maizie and Sadie could hear every word. She began to evolve schemes for getting out, for a few minutes.

"Oh, mother, how soon will dinner be ready?"

"It's ready now, dear. You can sit right down. Just cut the butter—will you, Sadie, and pour the water like a good girl. The steak's done to a turn."

"I wanted to mail a letter, Mums. Would I have time just to run down to the mail box?"

Maizie came to the door, with the pan of potatoes in her hand, whipping them to the frothy consistency of a meringue.

"And who are you writing letters to, Lamb?"

"Oh—nobody special. If dinner's ready, I'll wait."

"For goodness sake, Ash!" remonstrated Sadie. "Sit down and eat."

She took her place obediently. It was a real company dinner, iced grapefruit, with a cherry on top, to begin with. And Maizie had new napkins, hemstitched by hand.

There were sweet peas in a little cut glass vase on the centre of the table, standing on a round mirror that had been among Maizie's wedding presents. And pink candles in tall holders.

Maizie had wound amilax around the candle sticks, and wreathed it across the mirror, and snipped the poor pink heads off a few sweet peas, and scattered them over the surface of the mirror.

It was very festive and pretty. And Maizie, in her Hoover apron, was pink and white as her colour scheme.

"You've lovely colour, Mums," Ashtoreth told her. And kissed her golden hair, that was so dark at the roots, and so shiny on the top.

"Start at the very beginning," commanded Maizie, "and tell us every single thing, honey."

Ashtoreth sighed. "Wait until after dinner," she begged. "There was a diner on the train, but I saved every bit of my appetite for you, and now I'm simply ravenous."

Maizie heaped her plate with a drift of mashed potatoes, white and soft as a new bank. And squash, running over with melted butter, and sprinkled with paprika.

There were brussels sprouts, green and tender as young lettuce. And huge mushrooms, dark and succulent.

"And here," proclaimed Maizie, "wielding the carving knife, 'is a piece of steak to put new life into you.'"

Ashtoreth looked on her plate with horror. The thought of food appalled her. But it was easier to eat than to talk. Not really eat, either. She could pretend. Dally with the dreadful pile of squash, and the great mound of potato.

"You tell me," she suggested, "what's been happening while I've been away. There must be lots of news." ... While they talked, she could be thinking of some way to telephone Hollis. ... And something to say to Monty, if he arrived first.

Maizie looked embarrassed. "There's no special news," she said, glancing uncomfortably across at Sadie.

Sadie grinned wickedly. "Yes, there is, too," she declared. "Only your mother don't like to talk about it, Ash."

"Why, what is it?"

Ashtoreth looked from one to the other in surprise.

"Sadie's just fooling," injected Maizie hastily. "Here, Ashtoreth, let me give you some more mushrooms, dear. Mercy, you haven't as much as touched that nice squash—I didn't get too much pepper in it, did I, dear?"

Ashtoreth took a forkful. "It's seasoned perfectly," she pronounced. "What's the news, Sadie?"

"Well," Sadie paused deliberately for effect. "It's like this, Ash—"

"Sadie!" commanded Maizie. "Oh now, Mrs. Ashe!"

Sadie left her place at the table, and went and stood behind Maizie, and put her arms about her neck.

"What is it?" demanded Ashtoreth.

"Sadie's been ill advised," began Maizie.

"Ill advised!" scoffed Sadie. "I want to a swell lawyer, didn't I? Dan Corum, Ash—he defended Mae Mullin and Billie Green in that big blackmail case, and got them off scot free. And the Forrester girl that was the gunman's sweetheart. He's got a lot of de-

SHARE PRICES.

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The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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China Sugars, \$1.05 s.
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It has been recommended that the remainder of the vacant land of the eastern wing of Aldwych shall be leased at the annual rent of £9,000.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
SAVE, CAVE, CARE, CORE, CORN, COIN.

a lot of stuff, that he'll publish, if he doesn't come across. Get me, Ash?"

"No, I don't know what you're talking about."

Ashtoreth was plainly bewildered.

"She means," explains Maizie, "that she's doing to sue that Mr. Hart you used to work for. And I've advised her against it again and again—haven't I, Sadie?"

"Sue Mr. Hart!" Ashtoreth stared at Sadie, horrified. "What are you talking about?"

"Well, Mr. Corum says I got a case," declared Sadie.

"And what I says," pronounced Maizie staunchly, "is it's nothing but blackmail!"

"I guess Dan Corum knows!" flashed Sadie, choking on a few sprouts, hastily injected. "He says I got a real good case."

"You mean," elucidated Maizie sternly, "that he can shake down Mr. Hart, if you want to make trouble. But I've told you already, Sadie, and I'm telling you again—there'll be none of that under my roof!"

Sadie appealed to Ashtoreth. "Do you blame me, Ash? A guy as rich as him—gee!"

The telephone rang shrilly. (To Be Continued.)

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

(Continued from Page 7.)

people book one or two nights a week a long while in advance and then refuse to add to their number of late nights. Other factors also are considered to be responsible for the deficit, but it is no use "crying over spilt milk" and the immediate task is to make good the loss. It was intended to have a concert to raise funds, but as all the local amateurs have been heard several times this Winter for 50 cents at the Helena May, it is not likely that a programme provided by them at a Benefit Concert with admission \$2 would prove a draw. The proposal was abandoned in favour of a financial appeal to members of the Society; this has been made and the response is proving satisfactory. It is rather bad luck that those who expended so much time and energy to make the show a success should have to make a financial contribution also.

I have been listening to the twenty records comprising the Columbia recording of *Tristan and Isolde* at the Wagner Theatre, Bayreuth. It is a great achievement. The recording is wonderful and there is not a single faulty disc. Anderson's will immediately sell the two sets received. For those who would like to possess the work but who find the cost prohibitive, I would suggest that they order Act II, which consists of nine records and covers the most interesting portion of the opera. The glorious Love Duet in Act II, the finest ever written, covers ten sides. Those with smaller purses might even order those five records (12196/2200). I think Anderson's would wire for them. To listen to this wonderful music is a treat which I should like all music-lovers to share. The climax of the Love Duet (Records 2199/2200), following on what has been sung before, is so intensely moving that it brings tears to many in the audience and it is a tribute to the recording that it has produced that effect in more than one person who has listened to it this week.

UNDERGRAD'S DEATH FROM UNKNOWN DRUG.

FIND IN DRAWER OF ROOMS AT OXFORD.

Oxford, Feb. 26.
An unknown poison, taken from a laboratory, was suggested yesterday as the cause of the death of an Oxford undergraduate.

One of the University coroners held an inquest on William Frederick Guy, of Highfield-road, Bushey, Herts, who was found dead in bed in his rooms at the college.

Dr. George David Parkes, a tutor, said that one of Guy's tasks in the chemistry school was to analyse certain unknown drugs, and it was possible for him to take a small quantity of the drugs into his rooms in the college. It was not usual for undergraduates to do so, but they occasionally did so.

When Guy first came up to the University, said Dr. Parkes, he suffered very much from depression, but had considerably improved this term.

Behaving Strangely.

Dr. William Tregonell Collier, of Woodstock-road, Oxford, said the rigidity of the body suggested that strychnine might have been taken.

A year ago, Dr. Collier added, he saw Guy at the request of the warden of the college, as he had been behaving rather strangely. On his advice Guy saw Dr. Good, who is in charge of the neurological department of the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford. He was discharged from Dr. Good's care some months ago.

It was stated by Mr. Reginald Jack Lye, an undergraduate friend, that Guy was working at the laboratory at Queen's College on Friday night analysing a substance which he afterwards identified as strychnine. Guy said that he thought the substance was an alkaloid, because it had a bitter taste and gave a certain colour reaction.

Find in Drawer.

Guy could have taken to his rooms as much of this substance as he liked, Lye added. He had not seen any drugs from the laboratory in Guy's rooms this year, though he had seen them on previous occasions.

Dr. Parkes, who was recalled and shown a white powder which was found in a drawer in Guy's room, said that he could not identify it without analysis.

The jury recorded a verdict of death from asphyxia caused by some unknown drug.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

CABLED QUOTATIONS OF AMERICAN STOCKS.

The following quotations as at the close of the market yesterday have been received from their correspondents, Messrs. Hayden, Stone and Co., of New York by Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, Sassoon House, Shanghai, (cable "address "Swanstock" Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations. These quotations are subject to confirmation: Chrysler Corp (Common) ... 110 Eastman Kodak (Common) ... 181 General Motors (Common) ... 88 Goodrich (B.F.) ... 96 Granby Consolidated ... 101 International Cement (Common) ... 91 International Products Corp (Common) ... 89 Liggett & Meyers ... 82 Madison Square Garden ... 22 Missouri Pacific (Common) ... 81 Novada Consolidated Copper ... 62 Radio Corporation of America (Common) ... 129 Southern Pacific ... 47 United States Leather "A" ... 132 Vacuum Oil ... Missing.

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PUBLIC MONEY.

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S VISIT HERE.

At this afternoon's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, approval will be sought for the expenditure of a supplementary sum of \$45,166. The chief vote is one for \$25,000 for forming two forestry tracks into bridge paths. A sum of \$15,000 is asked for in connection with the Duke of Gloucester's visit.

Explanations of the various sums asked for are given below:
Sanitary Department—2, Advertisements \$52. Provision made in Estimates, \$1,300. Unforeseen expenses have been incurred through the Crown Agents in advertisements in connection with the appointment of a member of the Council of the Sanitary Department from home. The above is to be met from savings under Disinfecting and Cleansing Apparatus.
Sanitary Department—30, Transport \$74. Provision made in Estimates \$1,700. Provision made by Supplementary Vote \$160. Total \$1,860.

Travelling Expenses.

Additional travelling expenses have been incurred through Crown Agents for Inspectors in connection with medical examinations at home. The above is to be met from savings under Disinfecting and Cleansing Apparatus.

Police Passages.

Police Force—39, Passages, \$7,175. Provision made in Estimates \$100,000. Provision made by Supplementary Vote (Message No. 12 Item No. 125) \$22,000. Total \$122,000. Gowing to an increase in the number of passengers for recruits paid by the Crown Agents, the vote has proved insufficient. A supplementary vote of \$7,175 is requested.
The above is to be met from savings under Clothing and Accommodations and Coal for Barracks.

Fuel.

Prisons Department—8, Other Charges, 8, Fuel \$268. Provision made in Estimates, \$16,000. Provision made by Supplementary Vote, \$1,000. Total, \$17,000. The supplementary vote of \$1,000 approved by Message No. 14 Item No. 159 proved to be insufficient. The above is to be met from savings under Rent for quarters for European Wardens.

For First Aid.

Fire Brigade—14, Special Expenditure: 1 Motor Cycle fitted with 1st Aid Appliances, \$20. Provision made in Estimates, \$2,000. The deficiency on the vote is due to Engineering Inspection Charges on the Machine paid by the Crown Agents. A supplementary vote of \$20 is requested.
The above is to be met from savings under Special Expenditure: 1 Light Motor Pump.

More Coffins.

Sanitary Department—3, Ambulances, Coffins, Dead Van and Dead Boxes, \$1,500. Provision made in Estimates, \$750. The number of coffins used for burying infected bodies has recently increased with the incidence of smallpox. Up to the end of February the amount actually spent under this sub-head was \$707.85.

Rent Increased.

Sanitary Department—28, Rent of Quarters for Inspector, and Sanitary Officers, \$220. Provision made in Estimates, \$770. The rent of Nos. 15 and 17, Pel Ho Street, Shamshuipo, leased as Office and Inspector's Quarters, has been increased by \$20 per month as from 1st February, 1929.

Guns for Launches.

Police Force—Special Expenditure, Purchase of 3-pounder Guns, \$446. A special vote for \$2,500 was taken in 1928 to provide 3-pounder guns for Police Cruising Launches. One gun could not be fitted last year and a sum of \$87.14 lapsed.
The cost of fitting the gun which

THE KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.

DECISION TO REPRIMAND WANG CHING-WEI.

Shanghai, Mar. 20.
The Kuomintang Congress at Nanking resumed at 9.30.

Chu Chia-hun, the Civil Governor of Chekiang was chairman and 234 were present.

A delegate introduced the Central Executive Council's proposal that the National Government's educational policy should be based on the San Min principles, which was referred to a committee after Miss Lul Yung-chang (Shantung) made a brilliant speech in favour of women's rights, declaring that all Government schools should be co-educational.

Expulsions.

The delegates' emotions were roused to the highest pitch when a motion was introduced asking for the punishment of Wang Ching-wei, Chen Kung-po, Kan Lai-kung and Koo Meng-yu. Chiang Kai-shek and Hu Han-min urged leniency to Wang Ching-wei.

The Congress decided that Wang Ching-wei, who was severely reprimanded, Koo Meng-yu be expelled from the Party for three years and Chen Kung-po and Kan Lai-kung be expelled for life.

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was delayed in 1928 is \$446 and a re-vote of this sum is requested.

The Royal Visit.

Miscellaneous Services—Expenses in connection with visit of H.R.H. Duke of Gloucester, \$15,000. Arrangements in connection with the forthcoming visit of H.R.H. The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., P.C., G.C.V.O., to Hongkong will entail expenditure estimated at \$15,000 and a vote for this sum is requested.

Improving Forestry Tracks.

Public Works, Extraordinary—Hongkong, Communications, Forming Forestry Tracks into Bridge Paths, \$25,000. In view of the increasing number of motor vehicles, the main country roads are becoming more and more dangerous to those who prefer horse riding and walking to other form of exercise.

It is therefore proposed to widen and improve the following two Forestry tracks and make them suitable for the above-mentioned purposes:

(a) The track on the South side of the Island between Wong Nei Chung and Wanchai Gaps, and
(b) The track on the North side of the Island, between Wong Nei Chung Gap and Taikeo Sanitarium via Jardine's Lookout.
The cost of the work is estimated at \$25,000 and a vote is requested accordingly. The work has received the unanimous approval of the Public Works Committee.

Frontier Block House.

Public Works, Extraordinary—New Territories, Buildings, Block House on Frontier at Lim Ma Hang, and telephone connection, \$3,000. A sum of \$7,500 was provided in the 1928 Estimates.

The item was not included in the 1929 Draft Estimates as it was anticipated that it would be completed last year.

The site is on the frontier, difficult of access, and consequently considerable difficulty was experienced with the labour employed, causing much delay.
The foundations for the dam wall had to be carried to a greater depth than anticipated, and the invert surfaced, causing an excess of about \$1,200 on the work. It is further proposed to install a telephone giving direct communication with Sheung Shui Police Station at an estimated cost of \$1,800.

A vote of \$3,000 is therefore requested.
The above has been provided for by Special Warrant No. 81.

RADIO BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

- 5.30 p.m. Concert relayed from Helena, May Institute.
1. Double Concerto for two Violin and Orchestra. (Arranged for Piano: J. S. Bach). Violins:—Capt. Macnair and Miss Acheson. Piano:—Madame Bonenfant.
2. Songs—Negro Spirituals.
(a) To-morrow You Die Fisher-Arma.
(b) Go tell it on the Mountains Harvey Gaul.
Mrs. Sanger.
3. Violin Concerto in A minor Vivaldi.
Violin:—Mrs. Aubrey.
4. Songs (Italian).—Mrs. Cashman.
Lola. Busi Peccia.
11 Percutore Canta. Tosti.
Mr. Li Chor Chi.
5. Piano.
2 Movements of the Waldstein Sonata. Beethoven.
Introduction. Adagio Molto. (leading to the)
Rondo. Allegretto Moderato.
Mrs. Cashman.
Accompanist:—Miss Braga and Professor Gundi.
7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report.
8 p.m. Programme of Chinese Music relayed from the Root Garden of Messrs. The Sincere Co., Ltd.
10.30 p.m. Close Down.

WOMEN'S HOSTEL.

FURTHER DONATIONS TO FUND ACKNOWLEDGED.

The Joint Hon. Treasurers of the Organising Committee of the University Women's Hostel beg to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Building Fund:

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A DISTRESS CALL.

PORTUGUESE SHIP NOT LOCATED.

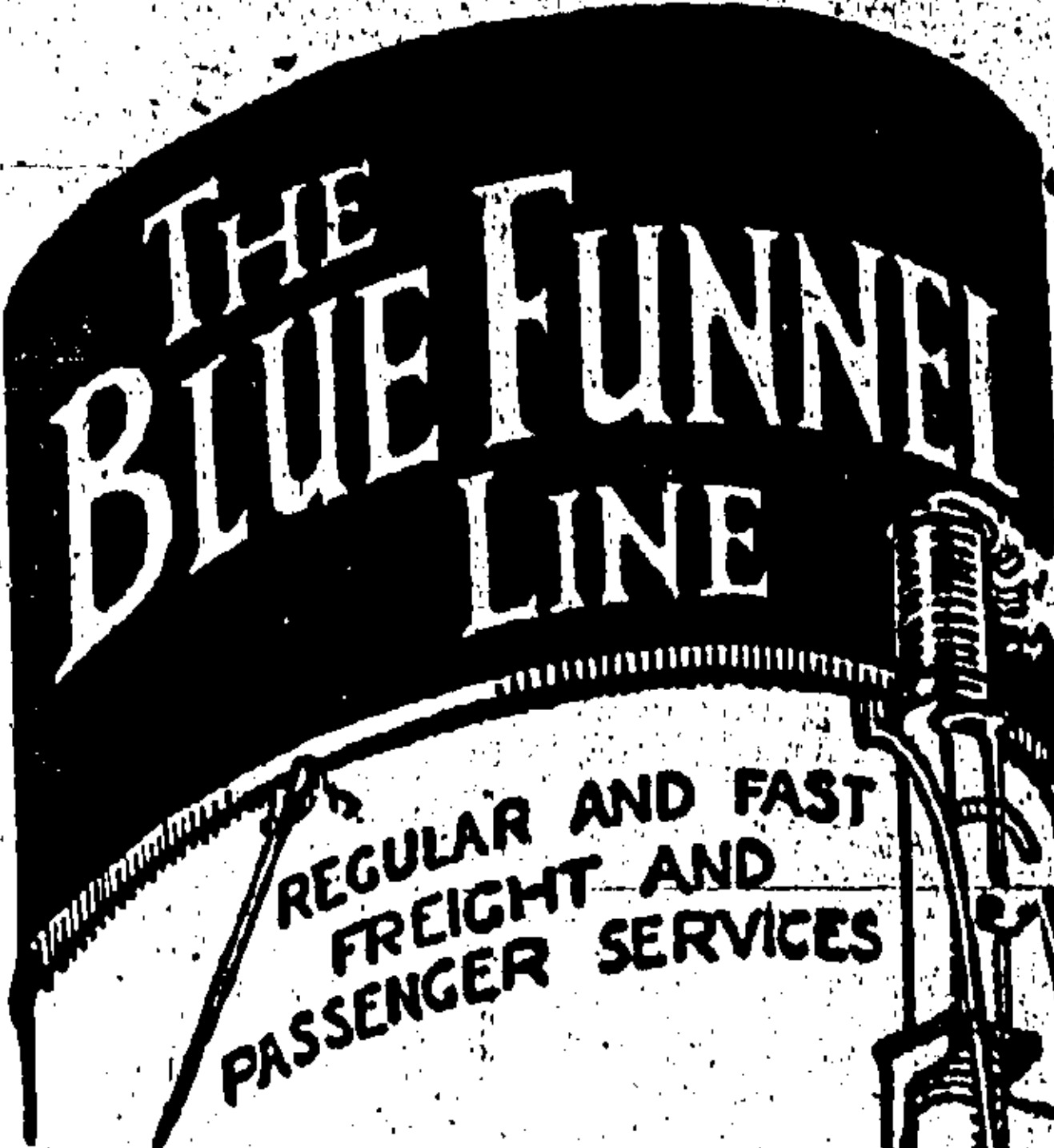
London, Mar. 20.
Dense fog in the English Channel throughout the night, compelled most shipping to anchor, and considerably delayed cross-Channel traffic.

The Worthing lifeboat answered a distress call from a Portuguese steamer near the Overs light-house, but many hours' search, in which other vessels in the neighbourhood joined, failed to discover any trace of the ship.—British Wireless.

NOBILE'S DISGRACE.

SWEDISH AIRMAN TAKES RESPONSIBILITY.

New York, Mar. 20.
The Swedish airman Lundborg, who rescued General Nobile, has arrived.
Interviewed, he said he took full responsibility for the action which led to General Nobile's disgrace. He declared that he insisted that General Nobile should allow himself to be rescued first despite the latter's desire, to the contrary.—Reuter's American Service.



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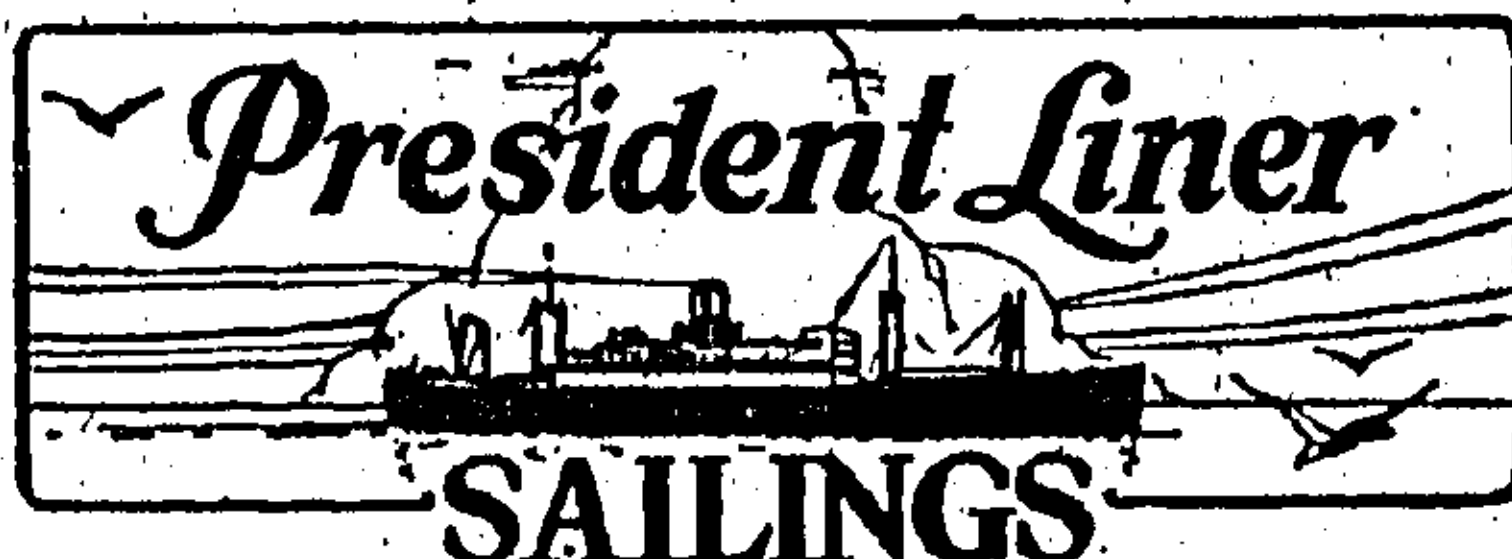
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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st March, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th April, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th March, 1929, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 14th March, 1929.

N. Y. K. LINE.
(NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.)
From EUROPE and STRAITS.

The Steamship, "KITANO MARU".

Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong Company's Godown at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 27th March, 1929, will be subject to rent. Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays, at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
Hongkong, 20th March, 1929.

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Optimal cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th March, 1929, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 9th April, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1929.

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Consignees are hereby informed that the above mentioned steamer whilst proceeding through the Suez Canal on 20th January last, struck the Canal Bank and sustained serious damage.

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Steamer is due to arrive here on or about 22nd March, 1929.

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Hongkong, 18th March, 1929.

ROBBERS SENTENCED.

PRISONER TRIES TO SQUEL WOMAN CONFEDERATE.

Ho Man-to, alias Ho Ken-chun, and Ho Yee, an amah, were both found guilty of robbery at No. 251, Laichikok Road, and were sentenced to terms of imprisonment by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday. In sentencing Ho Man-to to five years' imprisonment with hard labour, and Ho Yee to three years' imprisonment with hard labour, his Lordship expressed his agreement with the verdict.

The jury had to consider two counts, one being of robbery by two or more against both prisoners, and another of robbery against Ho Man-to to the charges stating that a quantity of clothing, jewellery, and \$40 in money was stolen.

It was alleged by the Crown that Ho Yee, who was employed by the occupant of the floor as an amah, opened the door to admit Ho Man-to, but this he denied, saying that he broke the door open by himself.

Ho Yee denied the charge. After Crown witnesses had given evidence, Ho Man-to admitted the charge and again averred that he was alone when he did it. He asked for leniency. Ho Yee said that she knew nothing about it.

The jury retired for ten minutes and on returning brought in a verdict of guilty against both prisoners, who were sentenced as stated above.

BRICK KILN DEATHS.

THREE WORKMEN OVERCOME BY FUMES.

A tragic incident involving the death of three labourers occurred in a Chinese brick kiln at Sheung Shui, New Territories, on Tuesday.

According to the information available it appears that one of the labourers went down a tunnel he picked up some implements which he had dropped. The tunnel happened to be full of smoke and fumes at the moment and the man was suffocated.

Two other labourers who went down one after the other to the rescue suffered the same fate.

It was not until some time after that other labourers in the place discovered what had happened and an alarm was raised. The three bodies were then removed.

The incident was reported to the Police, and the dead bodies were removed to the mortuary. Two of the deceased were 36, and the other was 23 years old.

CAPT. SEATON INJURED

VICTIM OF ACCIDENT AT WUCHOW.

Capt. S. Seaton, the master of the s.s. Anjou, was the victim of a serious accident when the vessel was last in Wuchow. He was unfortunate enough to injure his left shoulder which necessitated his removal to hospital when the vessel arrived in harbour yesterday at 6 a.m.

It is understood that he was attended by an American doctor at Wuchow and was yesterday seen by Dr. Aubrey, who advised him to go into hospital to be X-rayed.

The Anjou was due to leave for Wuchow last night.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CANTON WATER-WORKS.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir—With reference to the letter of Mr. Y. K. Wong in a recent issue of your paper speaking on the Canton Waterworks Company, he has certainly not overrated the facts when he said that public opinion is very much against the action of the Municipality in forcibly seizing the control of the Company. There is absolutely no legal justification for this step.

The poor shareholders are misled as they have been forbidden to hold any meeting, and despite the deep indignation and sense of injury life is too precious to be risked lightly by disregarding the official order to keep quiet.

One important point that Mr. Wong omitted to mention was that after the seizure of the Company, the Board of Directors was for the purpose of electing a representative to sit on the board of arbitrators for assessing the value of the Company's assets. All fair-minded persons will ask, "Why should the board of directors be prohibited from calling such meeting while the Municipality will hold one? The only solution that one can come to is that the Municipality desires to control the voting power so that their nominee can be returned, though nominally such a person supposed to be the spokesman of the shareholders.

The authorities have already announced that the assessment commission will consist of four Government officials and only one shareholder, and it seems then that despite this overwhelming majority they desire to make the suppression of adverse opinion a complete one by having their man act as the nominal mouthpiece of the shareholders. As Mr. Wong says, it certainly is a farce.

It would not be amiss to invite the municipal authorities to devote a little attention to ordinary commercial law and practice as well as the registered regulations of the Waterworks Company. The rules of the Company require that there must be more than fifty per cent of shareholders' votes present to form a quorum, so that even if the Government succeeds in engineering the shareholders meeting, as it proposes to do, such a meeting and its regulations will be illegal and valueless according to the Company's rules. In the light of its action in seizing the Company there is little doubt but that the authorities will conveniently shut their eyes to the illegality of such proceedings.

Even if the public succeeds in getting the Company's property valued on an impartial basis, the poor shareholders will still be wallowing in difficulties. One usually laughs at the prophecies of prophets and seers, but I venture to predict—and I think there is small risk of my opinion proving incorrect—that assuming a fair valuation is made, the shareholders will get no value for their shares. At the present moment I was informed that the chances are that they will be given bonds in exchange for their shares. Now the city of Canton as well as the whole province of Kwangtung is simply flooded with various sorts of bonds masquerading under fancy names, and it will be an easy matter to issue a new set to give to the shareholders. Such bonds will, of course, be worth no more than the paper they are printed on. Since the Republic was established many millions of dollars of bonds have been issued, and but a very small proportion of these have been redeemed by the Government, consequently the public is inclined to look askance at these things.

I would tender a piece of advice to the municipal authorities and that is: Don't kill the goose that lays golden eggs—Yours, etc., AN OVERSEAS SHAREHOLDER.

COMPANY REPORT.

A. S. WATSON AND CO. HAVE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. Ltd., in their report to the forty-fourth annual meeting of shareholders of the Company to be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Thursday, March 28, state: "A Balance Sheet for the year ended the 31st October, 1928."

We beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business with the year ended the 31st October, 1928. The Net Profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of Assets and other Machinery and Plant, Furniture, Fittings, Trade Utensils, Launches, Motor Car, etc., amounts to \$142,110.00.

To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year ... \$6,117.17

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Board of Directors. The existing Board of Directors consists of Mr. J. Scott Harrison, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt., and Mr. R. E. Coxon, who retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The General Managers regret to have to record the death of Mr. H. P. White, who had been associated with the Company since April, 1904.

Auditors. The Company's Accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. S. T. Butler, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

A BANK MERGER.

NEW CONCERN WITH BIG RESOURCES.

New York, Mar. 20. The Hanover National Bank and the Central Union Trust Company which are amalgamating as a new concern, have resources of over \$670,000,000.—Reuter's American Service.

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* MIRZAPORE	6,715	16th Apr.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
KARMALA	9,128	20th Apr.	Marseilles & London
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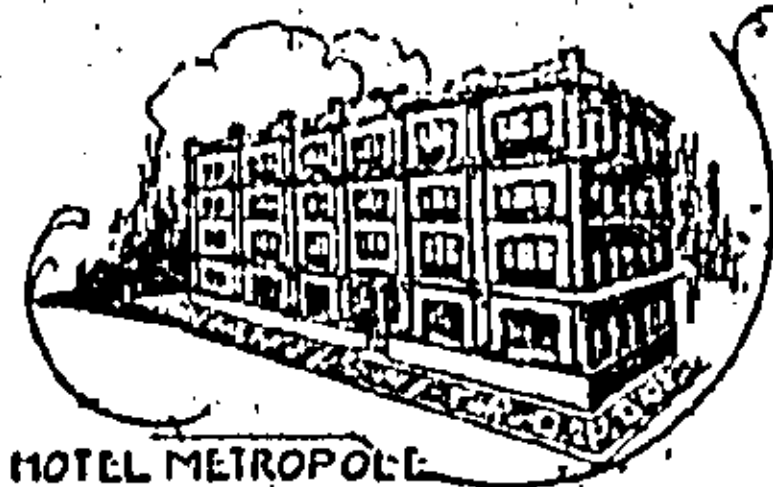
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THE BANVARDS.

RETURN SEASON AT STAR.

Hongkong theatregoers will welcome the news that the Banvard Musical Comedy Company is to play a return season commencing Saturday March 30th. at the Star Theatre after a highly successful engagement in Shanghai. The big-London and New York musical comedy, "Lido Lady," one of the best plays in the company's repertoire, will be presented as the opening number, and will be followed by other excellent revues

such as "Clowns in Clover," from the Adelphi Theatre, London; "Folies Bergere," the Moulin Rouge success, "Oh Kay," the delightful musical comedy from His Majesty's Theatre, London; and "The Toss," from the Gaiety Theatre, London.

Miss Cherry Wilmet, the little Hongkong lady, has a leading part in "Lido Lady," while Miss Edna Ray, the clever young dancer, will be seen in a number of new dances. Booking for the season is now open at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

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MANILA FORGERY SENSATION.

WILSON REPORTED UNDER ARREST IN MACAO.

EXTRADITION PLAN.

Manila, Mar. 18. Joseph L. Wilson, the alleged "master mind" in the Pecos 200,000 forgery from the San Carlos Milling Company is under arrest in Macao.

Positive information to this effect has been received by Acting Governor General Gilmore in a cable from John R. Nevins, chief of the secret service who is in China to capture Wilson.

Unofficial advices stated that Wilson was under arrest in Amoy, but it later developed that it was in Macao, to which place it was reported several days ago that Wilson had fled.

Only meagre information was furnished Governor Gilmore by Mr. Nevins who stated he would wire further details later. Up to a late hour last night no further word had been received.

Nevins' cable came from Shanghai. It read:—"Wilson arrested Macao. Leaving to-day. Arrangements made by Consul General Jenkins for extradition. Will wire developments."

The cable was interpreted to mean that Wilson was to be deported from Macao and that upon leaving the Portuguese possession he would be placed under arrest by British authorities and extradited to the Philippines.

BRITISH GLOVE PRODUCTION.

INCREASE POSSIBLY DUE TO SAFEGUARDING.

London, Mar. 20.

Mr. H. G. Williams, Under-Secretary of the Board of Trade, stated in the House of Commons to-day that according to particulars supplied by the General Industrial Council of the glove-making industry, the quantity of leather gloves produced in this country in the last quarter of 1928 was 1,020 dozen pairs, while in the corresponding period of 1928 it was 143,987 dozen pairs.

In regard to fabric gloves, 24,069 dozen pairs were produced in the fourth quarter of 1928 and 57,024 dozen pairs in the corresponding period of 1928. Sir Basil Peto (to whose question this statement was made), in reply suggested that the increase of production was the result of the safeguarding duties.—British Wireless.

EMPIRE AIRSHIP SERVICES.

ARRANGING FOR MOORING MASTS.

London, Mar. 20. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, said he understood that His Majesty's Government in Canada were erecting in Montreal a mooring mast for the use of Empire Airships. It was hoped this would be completed early in May.

His Majesty's government in South Africa had acquired a site for the erection of a mooring mast, whilst with regard to India it was expected that a mooring mast at Karachi would be completed during the summer.—British Wireless.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Mar. 20. In the First Division of the English League, Bury, playing at home, defeated Birmingham by three goals to one.

Two matches were played in the Southern Section of the Third Division. Exeter entertained Newport and won by six goals to one, while Bournemouth, at home, defeated Northampton by two goals to nil.

In the Scottish League, Queen's Park were at home to Kilmarnock and won by two goals to nil.—Reuter.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone central near Shanghai has strengthened slightly. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the South-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE DESCRIBED.

ELTON WINS SPLENDIDLY BY FINAL BURST.

A THRILLING FINISH.

London, Mar. 20. A huge field turned out for the Lincolnshire Handicap, the first of the season's classics, there being no fewer than thirty-five runners.

The result was a great surprise, Mrs. Foster's Elton winning by a short head from Athford, and the favourite Misco. Elton was a complete outsider, starting at 100 to 1.

The start of the great race which is over The Straight Mile, was enveloped in a thick mist and nothing could be seen of the runners until the first three furlongs had been covered when Garnock, with Steve Donoghue up, was observed to be ahead of the field in front of Misco, Athford, Residue, Umslopogaas, John Silver, Irish Romance and Elton in that order.

After half-way, Misco, the favourite, went to the front, followed by Umslopogaas, Garnock and Athford, with The Undiscovered, Scintillation, Guards Parade, Elton, Irish Romance, and Orosmade in a bunch close behind.

Wragg was, however, unable to keep Misco in front. The horse was beaten a furlong from home and fell back when Elton and Athford challenged. The finish was thrilling, Elton just pipping Athford on the post. John Silver was fourth and Irish Romance fifth.

The result was as follows:—The Lincolnshire Handicap, a sweepstakes of 20 sovs. each, with 1,000 sovs. added; for three-year-olds and upwards; the lowest weight may be 6st., the second to receive 100 sovs. and the third 50 sovs. out of the stakes. The Straight Mile.

Mrs. Foster's Elton 1 (Robertson)

Mr. Barnett's Athford 2 (Cordell)

Lord Beaverbrook's Misco 3 (A. Wragg)

Also ran: Capture Him (Richards), Guards' Parade (James), Harriet (F. Fox), Garnock (S. Donoghue), Chichester Cross (Timmins), Saint Fortunate (Sirett), Orosmade (Rochetti), Sonage (S. Wragg), Caporal (Burns), Galopin X (St. Leger), Tommy Atkins (Baines), Irish Romance (Packham), Residue (Weston), Umslopogaas (Richardson), Musical Prince (Dine), Spot Cash (Rock), John Silver (Tidey), The Undiscovered (Mace), Voltero (Caldwell), Hamagon (Morris), Covent Garden (Alford), County Guy (Berry), Cornwallis (Balch), Risen Star (Jeffries), Scintillation (Stephenson), Nestorian (Lorrey), Berkeley Bridge (Whitehouse), Marzipan (Treacy), Treasura Island (Adley), Minnie Ha Ha (Gellin), On Approval (Sharpe), Manto (Kimberley).

Won by a short head; a length and half between second and third.

Betting: 100/1 Elton; 35/1 Athford; 100/8 Misco.—Reuter and British Wireless.

YOUNG BRITISH STOWAWAYS.

THOUGHT BOAT WAS GOING TO ENGLAND.

LANDED IN HONGKONG

That they were under the impression that the a.s. Proteus was on its way to the British Isles instead of coming to Hongkong was the explanation offered by two stowaways who were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendants, Robert Fisher (17), an Irish lad, and John Branigan (18), an English youth, were charged with arriving in the Colony on board the a.s. Proteus from Vancouver without the consent of the owners.

When asked if they had any explanation to make, Branigan said that they "reckoned she was going to the Old Country."

Inspector Ogg, who prosecuted, said the lads had apparently seen "Liverpool" on the stern of the ship and thought that she was sailing for England. They were found a couple of days after the ship departed from Canada, where Inspector Ogg, understood, they had gone under the Farm Labouring Scheme.

The defendants were each fined \$50, or one month's hard labour in default.

LON CHANEY AT THE QUEEN'S.

MASTER OF FACIAL EXPRESSION.

A clown undergoing a keen mental struggle, a struggle between passion and sacrifice, is depicted by Lon Chaney in the feature attraction at the Queen's showing for the remainder of the week.

In "Laugh, Clown, Laugh," which is the title of the picture, Lon Chaney reveals how versatile he is in facial expressions. As a clown, whose business it is to amuse, Chaney is able to make the audience read from his features the mental agony of a silent sufferer.

The story deals with the love of the clown for a wail whom he adopted in his early circus days. As the girl grew, so the love changed from paternal affection to absolute adoration. Meanwhile the girl becomes engaged to a wealthy aristocrat who is devoted to her and when the position is surveyed by the clown he makes the supreme sacrifice for the girl's happiness.

The picture contains some wonderful photography, thanks to the introduction of what are known as "soft focus" effects. Loretta Young, a comparative newcomer to screenland, plays the leading feminine role.

TREATIES SIGNED.

Washington, Mar. 20. The Conciliation and Arbitration Treaties between the United States and Belgium have been signed.—Reuter's American Service.

THE LATE MARSHAL FOCH.



Ferdinand Foch, Marshal of France and Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in the World War, whose death is reported to-day.

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